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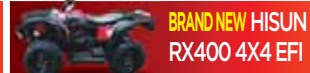
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The budget includes an average 35 per cent hike for offences. Speeding tickets, for example, which currently cost \$57 to \$35, will now cost \$78 to \$474.

# New reality: Health fees, increased taxes for rich

## FINANCE

**This was one of the hardest budgets to build in years: Minister**



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

Living in Alberta is today more expensive than it was yesterday as the provincial government has used its budget to raise taxes on high-income earners, cigarettes, alcohol and gas, while also re-introducing a levy on health care.

The tax increases revealed in Thursday's budget apply to two new tax brackets. Over the next three years, people making more than \$100,000 will see their taxes rise from 10 per cent to 11.5 per cent.

Those earning more than \$250,000 will see their taxes rise to 12 per cent over the next three years. After five years, this bracket's tax rate will drop to 11.5 per cent.

Finance Minister Robin Campbell said the province's revenues have been slashed by the dramatic slump in oil prices and it must now ask the wealthy to help out.

"We are asking those that can afford it to pay a little bit



**Premier Jim Prentice shakes hands with Finance Minister Robin Campbell after he delivered the 2015 budget in Edmonton.** JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

more," he said.

The levy for health care, reintroduced after being removed in 2009 by then-premier Ed Stelmach, will similarly apply to those who earn more.

Anyone making more than \$50,000 a year will have to pay and the levy will rise with income, topping out at \$1,000 per year for people earning more than \$130,000.

"Introducing a levy like this is not something that we took

lightly," Campbell said, "but Albertans understand the need for health-care funding."

Campbell said the government will spend at least \$300 million less than last year, marking the first time spending has decreased in years.

Even with the array of new taxes and fees, the government will have to dip into a rainy-day fund it has set aside and run a \$5-billion deficit this year.

"This has been one of the

hardest budgets to develop in many years," Campbell said, pointing to oil prices falling as an unexpected development. "It was not a reality we were expecting as recently as last fall."

With Premier Jim Prentice expected to call a snap election soon, Campbell said he thinks this is a budget Albertans will support.

"Myself personally, I would have no issues going door to door in my riding selling this."

## + OPPOSITION

### Rivals weigh in

"They're not being honest with Albertans and the fact of the matter is our health overall is going to suffer."  
— Rachel Notley, NDP leader



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"I am struggling to find anything good about this budget when everyone is going to be paying higher taxes."  
— Heather Forsyth, Wildrose leader



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"It's a real blow to young families, to seniors, to municipalities."  
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The University of Alberta and all other post-secondary institutions in the province will face four per cent cuts to their government funding over the next two years. METRO FILE

# Government cuts cash to universities

## BUDGET

### Post-secondary institutions hit hard as system begins to shift



Ryan Tumilty  
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta's colleges and universities will now have to do more with less after yesterday's budget slashed their funding by four per cent over the next two years.

Schools will see their funding cut 1.4 per cent in the coming budget and an additional 2.7 per cent in 2016-2017.

The government argues Alberta pays more into the post-

secondary education system than any other province, and that has to change.

"I will be engaging institutions and all the other stakeholders with respect to the future of post-secondary education," said Advanced Education minister Don Scott. "We want a system that's accessible, sustainable and excellent and that's going to be the guiding principle."

Doug Goss, chair of the University of Alberta, said the institution can handle the impending cuts, especially if they can find ways to add new revenue to the system.

"It will be a combination of new revenue. It will be a combination of being a little bit more focused than we have been," he said.

Goss said the university



**We feel we're paying our dues more and the discussion that we need to pay more is kind of frightening for us.**

Cameron McCoy, MacEwan Student association

would still be able to grow.

"I am very confident that this premier does not want to see the University of Alberta go backwards."

While the budget does not remove the cap on tuition, it does pledge to work with schools to review tuition and other opportunities to enhance revenue.

Navneet Khinda, the in-

coming president of the University of Alberta's student union, said that's very disappointing.

"They're going to use student money to fill in the gap and that's the next push for us, to advocate against that," she said.

Cameron McCoy, president of the MacEwan Student association, said students have no more to give.

"We feel we're paying our dues more and the discussion that we need to pay more is kind of frightening for us."

Along with the increased costs will come a bump to student aid.

The government is providing \$35 million to increase student loan limits, double the Alberta low-income grant and make loans and grants available to apprentices.

## HEALTH CARE

### Mandell tells health to do a better job — with less

The first cut to health care spending in 20 years will now see Alberta spend \$159 million less on its largest budget item than it did last year, despite more Albertans and an aging population.

Health minister Stephen Mandel defended the cut by comparing the results the province achieves with its health care dollars with other provinces.

"I don't think Albertans should have to pay 20 and 30 per cent more for things," Mandell said at the legislature following Thursday's budget announcement.

The government is pledging to find saving by reducing payments to Alberta Health Services — it will spend \$18.9 billion on health next year — and not filling job vacancies, while still honouring wage contracts with doctors and nurses.



Vickie Kaminski, chief executive officer of Alberta Health Services, said jobs are safe.

"We will be maintaining frontline services," she said. "Nobody will lose their jobs. If they work part-time they may see fewer hours than they do now, but they're not going to lose their jobs," he said.

Mandel said he looks forward to hearing from frontline health workers about ways to save.

"We think it's a great opportunity for working together to find solutions," he said. "You don't always have to spend money to do a better job."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

## EDUCATION

### Enrolment grows, but budgets are frozen

An estimated 12,000 students will arrive at school in September to be taught by an education system with growing students, but frozen budgets.

In Thursday's budget, Finance Minister Robin Campbell announced money for provincial schools and teachers will grow by \$145 million in 2015, but that \$89 million of that has been earmarked for a pre-negotiated increase to teacher salaries this year.

Edmonton Public School board chair Michael Janz said combining the growing enrolment numbers with what is effectively a no-growth budget amounts to a "double cut."

"We're going to see more students arriving at the school doorsteps with no new money provided to educate them," he said.

Marilyn Bergstra, vice-chair of Edmonton Catholic



Schools, said with 1,400 new students expected in schools next year, frozen budgets are a big problem.

"The budget cuts will make it increasingly difficult to support all of our students, particularly our most vulnerable"

Education Minister Gordon Dirks said school boards will be given more flexibility to deal with the cuts and can move administrative dollars into the classroom. But parent Rhonda Kelln said she is worried her kids' classrooms will be too crowded.

"How effective can (teachers) be when they have more students than they can handle?"

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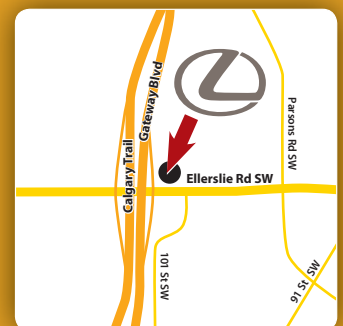
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# Budget keeps dollars in the city

## ECONOMY

### Iveson sees even keel on spending



**Ryan Tumilty**  
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In March, Alberta announced a \$400 million grant — sourced from an unexpected surplus — would be sent to Alberta's cash-starved municipalities.

But on Thursday, that grant magically shifted to something more like a give-and-take after Finance Minister Robin Campbell announced a cut to municipal funding of \$373.9 million.

Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson said the dollars aren't shrinking for the city and that's his main takeaway.

"To see that the municipality sustainability initiative grants are flat is something we can cope with," Iveson said. "We will be able to continue to build infrastructure to deal with growth."

Iveson said he would have

been happier with the budget if funding was boosted for the city's operational grants, especially for social programs. But, he said, there is still time to change the government's mind on how and where to spend money.

"This will be an ongoing conversation with the province," he said.

Municipal Affairs Minister Diana McQueen said the province wanted to make sure that municipalities had the same funding as last year, so they could keep building new projects.

"We provided \$400 million in budget 2014-to-2015, so that for their calendar year they will have the same amount of their budget," she said.

Helen Rice, president of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, said with school boards, universities and other institutions all seeing cuts coming out even is better than the alternatives.

"I imagine there are some municipalities who say we should have got more, but in these tough budget times, I think municipalities can come out pleased."



Grants that the city uses for projects such as the 102 Avenue bridge were not reduced in the provincial budget. METRO FILE

## TRANSIT

### Valley Line LRT sees budget reprieve

Mayor Don Iveson is "confident" that dollars for the Valley Line LRT are in the provincial budget that dropped Thursday.

The city is using provincial dollars from the provincial GreenTRIP fund as a significant source of funding for the \$1.8 billion LRT project, and there were fears that funding would disappear.

Iveson said he thinks the cash is in the budget, but needs to look at details to confirm it. "I'm confident based on what we're seeing so far that GreenTRIP funding is in place," Iveson said Thursday.

Iveson said some funding over and above the GreenTRIP portion that the city is also depending on to build the LRT project will need to be confirmed as well. "But GreenTRIP is in there and that's the largest piece of it," he said. The first portion of the Valley Line LRT, which will run from Mill Woods to downtown, has \$600 million previously committed from the province.

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# More cycle paths coming to MacEwan

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### University officials looking to add to bike infrastructure



**Stephanie Dubois**  
Metro | Edmonton

MacEwan University is responding to calls for better bike infrastructure from students and advocacy groups, pledging to map cycle paths and designate some sidewalks as bike friendly.

The news comes a day after Metro published a story about a letter sent on March 10 by the Edmonton Bike Coalition to the university's administration.

On Thursday, Metro obtained MacEwan president David W. Atkinson's response to Conrad Nobert, with the Edmonton Bike Coalition.

"I am pleased to advise that MacEwan's facilities department is currently in the process of mapping our cycling



MacEwan University has sent a letter to Conrad Nobert, pictured, who is a member of the Edmonton Bike Coalition, saying the school is working on getting bike infrastructure at its downtown campus. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

paths and their connection to the city's bicycle network plan," Atkinson said in the letter.

Atkinson added that the school's facilities department

is looking into "designating some of our sidewalks and internal roadways as a shared-use path for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists."

One option includes turning

double sidewalks along 104 Avenue into a path for "exclusive cycle use," Atkinson wrote in the letter.

Nobert said he's supportive of the ideas.

"I think MacEwan is taking a progressive approach to healthy ways for people to get to their campus," he said. "I'm encouraged by the idea in making connections to other

## + UPDATE

### In two months' time

The Edmonton Bike Coalition plans to follow up with the university in about 60 days to get an update on the bike-path planning.

city cycle infrastructure."

Connecting the Rail Town path to the campus is one plan that Nobert anticipates could help expand the city's bike network.

City officials are meeting with MacEwan University on Monday for exactly that reason, as the school figures out how its bike plans will fit into the city's strategies.

"They've reached out for support and guidance on developing a plan for that," said Tyler Golly, general supervisor with transportation planning at the city. "I think some of their desires is to have that access (to other bike networks) but also ... so you can get through and to the campus and that it's not a barrier."

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# Little Brick owner blends business with pleasure

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## Food star offers a work space above his restaurant



**Stephanie Dubois**  
Metro | Edmonton

On the main level of the newly opened Little Brick Cafe, customers looking for java can get their lounge on while entrepreneurs trying to make it big work above them in a new co-working space.

Little Brick, the latest in a series of restaurants by rising Edmonton food superstar Nate Box, officially opens in Riverdale on Friday.

But what's most unique about the restaurant is its upstairs is already buzzing with

workers from OilersNation.com, Oodle Noodle and a new startup called Dub5.

"We've married distinctively different industries that all overlap," said Box of the upstairs co-working space at Little Brick.

"When we started working through the space, we wanted to create some distinction but also some crossover between the cafe and the tech team. The office crew plugs away upstairs and we do our thing in our cafe space."

The coffee shop will serve as the guinea pig for Dub5's tech software as it operates in the historical building known as the J.B. Little Brick House.

It was once the family home of the J.B. Little and Sons brick company, which operated from 1893 until 1953.

Why a co-working space? "It was an opportunity to do something different, off the radar," said Box.



Nate Box, right, is the owner of little Brick cafe. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

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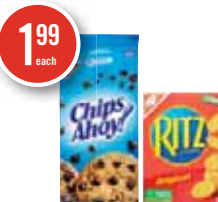
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# Lawyer files for injunction to prevent election

## POLITICS

### Snap spring election call a political ploy: Tom Engel



**Morgan Modjeski**  
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A prominent Edmonton lawyer has filed for an injunction in an attempt to stop the provincial government from holding what he's calling a snap spring election.

Edmonton lawyer Tom Engel, who is listed as the applicant in the document, said the application was filed at the Edmonton Court of

Queen's Bench on Thursday afternoon by law firm, Ruttan Bates Barristers and Solicitors.

In the document, which names Premier Jim Prentice as one of the respondents, Engel seeks an order "compelling the Respondent Premier to uphold the promise and legal obligation to hold the next general election" between March 1, 2016 and May 31, 2016.

In his view, calling an election before the fixed dates would be a move "purely to catch the opposition unprepared and to try and get an even greater majority."

"There's no legitimate basis for an election," he said.

Under the Election Act the Alberta government committed that it would have a fixed



**There's no legitimate basis for an election**

Edmonton lawyer Tom Engel

election every four years, with then attorney general Verlyn Olson saying the law will "provide for a fixed election time period and, thus, allow all of us to prepare for elections with greater certainty."

Calls to both the premier's office and the PC Party were not answered Thursday afternoon.

The application on the injunction will be heard at the Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton on March 30.

## COURT

### Decision on injunction against Uber postponed again



Uber's day in court held over while the judge reviews information on the case.

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**Stephanie Dubois**  
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A decision on a permanent injunction against ride-share company Uber was held over yet again in an Edmonton court Thursday.

City officials seeking the injunction said they will continue to enforce bylaws against companies operating as Uber does as they await the court date.

"We're hopeful the injunction is approved and we believe there are a number of

issues with Uber continuing to operate in the way that they have been," said Scott Mackie, manager of current planning with the city.

Uber officials did not comment on the legal proceedings but said their service is becoming

popular. "What's becoming increasingly clear is that Edmontonians love the Uber platform, the reliability and convenience it brings," said Xavier Van Chau, communications lead for Uber Canada.

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**CBC News is laying off 144 people across the country, shrinking English-language local services in a bid to shave \$15 million from its operating costs.** NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# CBC planning more deep cuts to its workforce

## 5-YEAR STRATEGY

### Broadcaster also aiming to shorten local newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes

CBC is slashing 244 jobs from local news services across the country as it plans to shift some of its limited resources to its digital operations.

The cuts include 144 positions from English-language services and 100 jobs on the French side, which include 20 vacant positions and retirements.

Meanwhile, the public broadcaster is adding 80 new digital jobs as it works toward offering a continuous news stream for mobile users.

Jennifer McGuire, editor-in-chief of CBC News, announced the English layoffs in a note to staff, which

stressed that no stations would close and all local radio programming would be maintained.

The job losses include 37 positions in Alberta, 30 in Ontario and 25 in British Columbia.

McGuire admitted that "local services will be smaller overall" but said the relative size of each region would remain the same.

"It hits just about everything, it hits technical, it hits editorial, it hits management and administration," McGuire said in an interview.

"We're also looking at efficiencies where we find them and we're looking at how we work differently."

Most of the cuts are related to previously announced plans to shorten local supper-hour newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes. McGuire said the shortened newscasts will be introduced in October, as will a plan to broadcast Radio One morning shows on TV.

Shows in Vancouver, Win-

nipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's, N.L., and the North will be trimmed to 60 minutes, while programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Windsor, Montreal and Fredericton will be chopped to 30 minutes.

The cuts are part of a five-year strategy announced last June by CEO Hubert Lacroix in a bid to increase digital offerings by 2020.

The strategy included plans to cut up to 1,500 jobs, with roughly 500 positions eliminated over the following 12 to 15 months. Spokesman Chuck Thompson said almost half of the 1,500 cuts have now been made or are in the process of being implemented.

McGuire said some of the 144 positions being cut will be through attrition and retirements, and some staff some could be assigned to the digital side. The moves are expected to shave \$15 million from operating costs.

Union leader Marc-Philippe Laurin questioned a plan that he feared would cripple the broadcaster's ability to serve smaller communities.

"According to their 2020 strategic plan, their intention is to move heavily into the digital world but they're effectively dismantling other areas of the company," said Laurin, president of the Canadian Media Guild's CBC branch.

McGuire said the CBC still has more than 1,100 people providing English-language coverage in 29 stations across the country, plus CBC's service in the North. The French service will still boast about 500 people, said Radio-Canada spokesman Marc Pichette.

"The commitment to local is there," she said. "Are we going to do it differently? Yup, we're going to prioritize digital in a way that we haven't traditionally, because that's where audiences are going." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Gallery hopes for \$60M to display collection of Inuit art

Winnipeg's art gallery is trying to carve out space to house what's billed as the world's largest public collection of Inuit art — only a fraction of which is ever on display.

The gallery has plans to build a \$60-million building for 13,000 pieces that include carvings, prints and drawings. The centre would include a climate-controlled "visible vault" of the collection, which

the gallery says would be the first of its kind in North America and would offer education programs about the North.

Gallery director Stephen Borys said the 3,700-square-metre centre would be unique and would help bring the Arctic to the rest of Canada, considered the "deep south" to those in the North. The centre would raise the profile of "an art-making culture that, per capita, is unparalleled in the

world," Borys said.

"There are communities where 20 to 30 per cent of the community are art makers," he said Thursday.

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# MPs told ISIL mission will need more time: Sources

IRAQ AND SYRIA

## Military official said only 650 Kurds have been trained

The training of Kurdish peshmerga fighters has been a slow undertaking that could mean Canada's mission in Iraq and Syria will take more than a year, The Canadian Press has learned.

That was the message officials from the Canadian Forces and Foreign Affairs delivered behind closed doors Wednesday to the main critics of the New Democrats and the Liberals.

The briefing included an officer who currently oversees the strategic joint staff, the military's nerve centre. Neither Defence Minister Jason Kenney nor Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson were present.

Maj.-Gen. Mike Hood, who

will soon become the commander of the air force, told the briefing that only 650 peshmerga fighters have been trained since a contingent of 69 elite Canadian commandos deployed to northern Iraq last September, according to multiple sources with knowledge of what was said in the room.

The MPs were told that "this was not a one-year undertaking by any stretch of the imagination, that it will take multiple years," said one source, who insisted on anonymity.

Hood tried to reassure the politicians that CF-18 jet fighters would be able to conduct precision strikes on moving and static targets inside Syria — one objective of a controversial motion by the Harper government.

Sources said Hood told those gathered that the Canadians would get accurate strike information from intelligence and surveillance platforms but did not say how the intelligence would be gathered.

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**Defence Minister Jason Kenney speaks with the media Wednesday in the foyer of the House of Commons. The training of Kurdish fighters has been slow, which could mean Canada's mission in Iraq may take more than a year, according to sources.** ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ANTI-TERROR BILL

## Ex-spymaster says activists need not fret

Many demonstrators are flattering themselves when they publicly fret about coming under the scrutiny of security services, says a former spymaster.

Ray Boisvert said Thursday the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had the resources to monitor only those threats "in the red, high-risk, high-probability zone" when he served as the agency's assistant director of intelligence earlier this decade.

"That meant that we had no time to even consider looking at any sort of lesser evils that were emerging out there," Boisvert told the House of Commons public-

safety committee, which is studying a sweeping new security bill.

Boisvert, now a security consultant, said he takes "great offence" to commonly voiced concerns that the legislation would effectively place legitimate protest under the CSIS lens, adding that groups and individuals "should not flatter yourself to that degree."

Boisvert and David Harris, another retired CSIS officer, backed a legislative proposal to allow the spy agency to actively derail terror plots — not just gather information about them.

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### DEFENCE

#### Budget watchdog says military costs unsustainable

The Harper government has built a military that it cannot afford and will be forced to make tough choices in the future, the country's budget watchdog said Thursday.

The new assessment by the parliamentary budget office came as debate kicked off in the House of Com-

mons about an expanded and extended war against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

Jean-Denis Frechette, the parliamentary budget officer, says the federal government will need to either pour more money into its defence budget, scale back its ambitions or do a mixture of both.

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Investigators carry boxes from the apartment of Germanwings airliner jet co-pilot Andreas Lubitz, in Duesseldorf, Germany, Thursday. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Co-pilot crashed plane on purpose

## FLIGHT 9525

### Some airlines get stricter on cockpit rules

Passengers with moments to live screamed in terror and the pilot frantically pounded on the locked cockpit door as a 27-year-old German co-pilot deliberately and wordlessly smashed an Airbus carrying 150 people into an Alpine mountainside.

The account Thursday of the final moments of Germanwings Flight 9525 prompted some airlines to immediately impose stricter cockpit rules — and raised haunting questions about the motive of the co-pilot, whose breathing never wavered as he destroyed the plane and the lives of those aboard.

“We have no idea of the reason,” Marseille Prosecutor Brice Robin said, revealing the chilling conclusions investigators

reached after reconstructing the final minutes of the flight from the plane’s black box voice recorder. Co-pilot Andreas Lubitz’s intention was “to destroy this plane.”

French, German and U.S. officials said there was no indication of terrorism. The prosecutor did not elaborate on why investigators do not suspect a political motive; instead they’re focusing on the co-pilot’s “personal, family and professional environment” to try to determine why he did it.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose nation lost 75 people on the flight, said the conclusions brought the tragedy to a “new, simply incomprehensible dimension.” Devastated families of victims visited the crash scene Thursday, looking across a windy mountain meadow toward where their loved ones died.

The Airbus A320 was flying from Barcelona to Duesseldorf on Tuesday when it lost radio contact with air traffic con-

trollers and began plunging from its cruising altitude of 38,000 feet, before slamming into the mountainside eight minutes later.

The prosecutor laid out in horrifying detail the final sounds heard in the cockpit extracted from the mangled voice recorder.

Lubitz, courteous in the first part of the trip, became “curt” when the captain began the mid-flight briefing on the planned landing, Robin said.

The pilot, who has not been identified, left the cockpit for an apparent bathroom break, and Lubitz took control of the jet.

He suddenly started a manual descent, and the pilot started knocking on the door.

There was no response. “It was absolute silence in the cockpit,” the prosecutor said — except for the steady breathing he said indicated Lubitz was not panicked, and acted in a calm, deliberate manner.

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## NEW YORK CITY

# Gas blast blamed after building collapses

An apparent gas explosion levelled an apartment building, largely destroyed another and launched rubble and shards of glass across streets in the heart of Manhattan’s trendy East Village on Thursday, injuring at least a dozen people.

Smoke could be seen and

smelled for miles.

Restaurant diners ran out of their shoes and bystanders helped one another to escape the mid-afternoon blast, which damaged four buildings as flames shot into the air, witnesses said. Passersby were hit by debris and flying glass, and

bloodied victims were aided as they sat on sidewalks and lay on the ground.

“It was terrifying — absolutely terrifying,” said Bruce Finley, a visitor from San Antonio, Texas, who had just taken a photo of his food at a restaurant known for its french

fries when he felt the explosion next door.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said preliminary evidence suggested a gas explosion amid plumbing and gas work inside the building that collapsed was to blame.

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A building burns after an explosion on Second Avenue on Thursday in New York City. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

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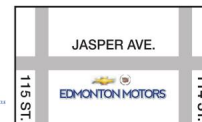
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World metro NEWS

# Saudis plan to invade Yemen

MIDDLE EAST

## Houthi leader defiant under air strikes

The turmoil in Yemen grew into a regional conflict Thursday, with Saudi Arabia and its allies bombing Shiite rebels allied with Iran, while Egyptian officials said a ground assault will follow the airstrikes.

Iran denounced the Saudi-led air campaign, saying it "considers this action a dangerous step." Oil prices jumped in New York and London after the offensive.

The military action turned impoverished and chaotic Yemen into a new front in the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Yemen's U.S.-backed President Abed-Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled the country Wednesday as the rebels, known as Houthis, advanced on his stronghold in the southern port of Aden, reappeared Thursday. He arrived by plane in Saudi Arabia's capital of Riyadh, Saudi state TV reported.

Starting before dawn, Saudi warplanes pounded an air base, military bases and anti-aircraft positions in the capital of Sanaa and flattened a number of homes near the airport, killing at least 18 civilians, includ-

Israel of launching a "criminal, unjust, brutal and sinful" campaign aimed at invading and occupying Yemen.

"Yemenis won't accept such humiliation," he said in a televised speech Thursday night, calling the Saudis "stupid" and "evil."

The Houthis, who have taken over much of the country, mobilized thousands of supporters to protest the airstrikes, with one speaker lashing out at the Saudi-led coalition and warning that Yemen "will be the tomb" of the aggressors.

White House spokesman Eric Schultz told reporters on Air Force One en route to Alabama that President Bar-

ack Obama had authorized logistical and intelligence support for the strikes, but that the U.S. is not joining with direct military action.

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## Yemenis won't accept such humiliation.

Abdul-Malik al-Houthi, leader of the Houthi Yemeni Shiite rebels

ing six children. Another round followed in the evening, again rocking the city.

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Women in traditional dress attend a service on Thursday for the reinterment of the mortal remains of King Richard III at

## SUPREME COURT

## Prince's private letters to be published

Prime Minister David Cameron and Prince Charles expressed dismay Thursday at a Supreme Court ruling that paves the way for the publication of Charles' private letters to government ministers.

A spokesman for Charles said "Clarence House is disappointed the principle of privacy has not been upheld."

The case involves 27 letters Charles wrote to seven government departments 10

years ago. Known as "black spider" letters, they are believed to contain strong personal views.

Critics have charged that Charles has become too involved in advocating positions.

He is first in line for the throne, and is expected to remain politically neutral.

In the past he has expressed strong views on architecture, climate change and genetically modified foods, among

other matters.

The government has long tried to block the release of the letters, but the Supreme Court upheld an earlier ruling backing their publication.

Cameron said the government will now consider how to release the documents, which have been sought by the Guardian newspaper under freedom of information rules for roughly a decade.

The prime minister said the

case was about "the principle that senior members of the royal family are able to express their views to government confidentially. I think most people would agree this is fair enough."

The timetable for the release of the letters is not yet clear.

The Guardian's chief editor, Alan Rusbridger, said editors are "delighted" with the decision. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Richard III gets burial with dignity

LEICESTER, U.K.

## Infamous king's skeleton found 500 years after his death

A maligned monarch found under a parking lot was buried in pomp Thursday, as Britain embraced comeback King Richard III, a long-reviled ruler who is experiencing a remarkable, posthumous renaissance.

Royalty, religious leaders and actor Benedict Cumberbatch joined archeologists, Richard's distant relatives and curious Britons for a service in Leicester Cathedral that saw the king's bones buried with dignity, 530 years after his violent death.

"Richard's posthumous reputation has been less than glorious," Gordon Campbell, the University of Leicester's public orator, noted with understatement about a man whose name was long a byword for villainy.

But now, Campbell said, he has "the greatest following of all English monarchs" apart from Queen Elizabeth II.

Britain in the 21st century has enthusiastically embraced the story of the medieval king whose battle-scarred skeleton was found under a parking lot in Leicester in 2012.

### + BACKGROUND

#### History in the making

Richard was buried, without a coffin, in a church that was later demolished. For centuries his image was defined by William Shakespeare's Richard III — a hunchbacked, power-hungry tyrant who murdered his two young nephews because they were rivals for the crown.

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Thousands came to view his coffin ahead of Thursday's service, which was televised live.

In his sermon, Bishop of Leicester Tim Stevens said the discovery of the skeleton "has broken open not just a car park, but a nation's story."

Stevens said Richard was found just 40 metres from where he was being reburied.

The service was the culmination of a wave of Richardmania that has been building since archeologists looking for Richard dug up a skeleton with a distinctively curved spine.

Scientific sleuthing — including radiocarbon dating, bone analysis and DNA tests — confirmed the remains belonged to the long-lost king, who died at the Battle of Bosworth, near Leicester, in 1485.

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Pierre Faucher, owner of Sucrerie de la Montagne in Rigaud, Que., is seen Tuesday at his sugar shack, where he boils the sap over a wood fire. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Long winter slows maple business

## SEASONAL INDUSTRIES

### Producers need warmer weather to get the sap flowing

Just like any other crop, maple syrup is at the mercy of Mother Nature, and the frigid winter hasn't been kind to Canadian sugar bush owners.

Many producers, like Ray Bonenberg of Mapleside Sugar Bush south of Pembroke, Ont., are keeping a close eye on the thermometer and anxiously waiting for a stretch of warmer days to get the sap flowing.

"I've been tapping all day, drilling holes and tapping, and it's running on the south side of the tree but not on the north side of the tree. It's too cold," said Bonenberg, who is also president of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association.

But he is unfazed, because last season was also late due to the cold temperatures.

Production can vary widely from north to south. A few producers in the Sault Ste. Marie area boiled until May 1 last year, while those south of Highway 7 in Ontario were finished by the second week of April.

Quebec is experiencing a similar situation to Ontario this season, according to Caroline Cyr of the Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers.

"In general, the season is late," she said, adding that she expects it to begin in earnest by the end of March.

Pierre Faucher, owner of Sucrerie de la Montagne in Rigaud, Que., was jubilant this week as sap started dripping into his 3,500 buckets. He's not letting the delay get to him. After all, says Faucher, you can't control Mother Nature.

"Nature doesn't have a watch," Faucher said from his operation west of Montreal. A combination of nights below freezing and days above freezing is needed to get the sap flowing in sugar maple trees.

Faucher and four others gath-

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er sap by hand and boil it over a wood fire in a sugar shack. It takes about 40 litres of maple sap to make one litre of maple syrup. "Normal people have pipelines and pumps and stuff, but I wanted to keep it traditional," he said.

Deep snow in the Maritimes has meant producers have had to do some digging to uncover their lines. But sap flow a few weeks behind schedule was buying them time to get their trees tapped. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Vince Gasparro's: The kind of place that makes a neighbourhood.

Nick Gasparro had a hard time keeping up a phone conversation on Thursday behind the counter of his family butcher shop. Customers kept walking into the store, some in search of an Easter ham, others offering their condolences on the recent death of Vincenzo Gasparro, Nick's father and the founder of the family business. "Hold on," Nick, 42, said to me over the phone.

Then I heard a woman's voice. "I just found out yesterday about your dad. I'm so sorry," she said.

"Thank you," Nick said. "Thank you for coming, honey."

Vince Gasparro's Meat Market has stood on Toronto's west-end corner of Bloor Street and Roxton Road since 1960. And it's exactly the kind of place that makes a neighbourhood worth living in.

They're in every Canadian city. Mom-and-pop shops, they're called dismissively.

They're not the country's economic leaders, if you go by GDP. Most of that is driven by mid-sized or large companies, as CIBC economist Benjamin Tal noted. Industry Canada doesn't even break down the contribution of companies with less than 49 employees (a group which makes up 30 per cent of the GDP).

But these micro-businesses also account for 75 per cent of companies that employ people in Canada. They are nimble, adaptable, the economic equivalent of the "oil that oils

the machine," Tal said.

Plus, he added, "there are some things that you cannot measure."

For example, what does it mean when longtime customer Vanessa, 34, calls the butcher shop "an institution"?

How do you measure the impact of hiring the likes of 24-year-old Mik, who is also a musician, by offering him a flexible, reliable part-time job while he pursues his dreams?

What is the worth of a man like Vince, who knew everybody's name, and their kids, and their grandkids; who took IOUs when customers were short at the end of the month; who went to the funerals and wedding of his customers, and whose customers, in turn, filled an old stone church one rainy morning this week? These are intangibles, but they have an economic impact just by drawing people to want to call this corner of a city home.

It's challenging times for independent shops forced to compete against national chains with deep pockets. But without these kinds of businesses, and the people who run them, our cities would be all the more uniform, all the less human.

I asked Nick, who has been a butcher with his father for 20 years, how long he wanted to keep the store going.

"I don't know that, honey, for as long as I'm going to be here," he said. "Hopefully a long time."

# Strange love

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



I used to think online dating was an inorganic and awkward way to meet people.

"Hello, my computer says we might get along, would you like to eat pho together?"

And maybe it is a little weird, but on second thought, the new-ish phenomenon of apps such as Tinder and OkCupid look totally natural when compared to the age-old art form of matchmaking.

Two B.C. women are asking for their money back after paying a matchmaking service, LifeMates Canada, thousands of dollars to find them Mr. Right ... or at least Mr. Pretty Good. Both women claim that LifeMates set them up on dates with men that came nowhere near to what they'd asked for.

While I feel for the women involved, I don't think they should get their money back because in the words of the Beatles: Can't Buy Me Love.

I hated the movie Inception; I have other friends who thought it was a masterpiece. I think John Fluevog shoes are an affront to the feet they're worn on; I have a friend who won't wear any other brand. If movies and shoes are subjective, why would anyone think we could agree on who's lovable?

I went on a blind date once. My friends told me the guy was tall, dark and cute. I pictured Tom Cruise (on stilts). When I got to the date, my heart sank. The guy wasn't ugly — he was attractive — but he wasn't what I had pictured and he wasn't my type. What is my type? Ha! I wouldn't be able to tell you until I saw it and even then I probably wouldn't be

able to pinpoint what it was about that person that caught my eye.

This isn't only about looks. A man who's "funny" to some, might be a Yakov Smirnoff to others. Maybe he's a "great cook," but he cooks vegan and you like steak. There are a million reasons why a good quality on paper might not live up to itself in real life. And what about pheromones and body language and fashion choices? Your date might be nice and cute and smart, but you're too distracted by the socks-and-sandals look to notice.

I've dated online and yes, there were (many) times I was disappointed in that scenario, too. Maybe the guy didn't look like his photo or his funny email banter translated to awkward real-life conversation. One guy kept making racist jokes while another somehow had me paying for

everything (actually, I think that was the same guy). But on my way home from those dates, at least I knew I had chosen those men.

I had no one to blame for the losers I was dating but myself.

Matchmakers are middlemen while online dating services basically act as a directory of "who's single." You peruse, you choose. Compared to LifeMates Canada, OkCupid looks as natural as a drug-free birth.

If I can't trust the people who know me best to buy me a sweater I like for Christmas, why would anyone trust a stranger to find them love?

**Rebecca Kohler** is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca\_kohler

## Happy face/Sad face

From **naked neighbours** to **cat lady whisperers**, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



### Grin and bare it

People in Charlotte, N.C., will not get a reprieve from the sight of their neighbour standing buck naked by his doorway several times a week. Police say that while the local law prohibits being nude in places the public has access to, there's nothing that can be done in this case. Maybe it's time for the local residents association to take matters into their own hands and strategically plant some shrubbery in front of naked dude's yard.



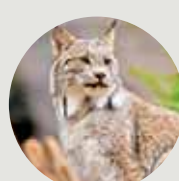
### Beginning of the end (fingers crossed)

In what's been heralded as an important step in eliminating the virus for good, researchers "deleted" HIV from human DNA. The scientists used a DNA-snipping enzyme to cut out the virus, and then the cell's repair machinery took over, fusing the cell back together. And as if this isn't excellent enough, the process potentially could be applied to many other diseases. Not bad scientists, not bad.



### Hey kitty kitty kitty

Hey guys, can we drop the crazy cat-lady trope already? Beth-Ann Colebourne delighted the Internet this week when she posted a video to YouTube of a lynx she spotted outside her northern Ontario shop. But then a bunch of meanies questioned her sanity because she says things in the video like, "What's up, buddy?" to the wild cat. Listen, trolls: Colebourne has chased a bear away before. She is an animal whisperer. She's awesome, and she's got it covered, OK?



### A whole new world

Are you in desperate need of a break from the repetitive monotony of your life, daydreaming of perhaps being on a palm-tree lined beach? And you know how even if you can't immediately make that place your reality, just the thought of being there makes you feel so much better? Expand your fantasy repertoire with this new Japanese exhibit. Artists created an immersive interactive garden of 2,300 floating flowers inspired by a Zen koan. Domo arigato, guys, for creating a beautiful world where person and flower become one.

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## Ferrell's fearless with the funny

GET HARD

**Comedian is always up for slapstick promo stunts**

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You can tell Will Ferrell has a new movie coming out because he's doing the darndest things.

On March 12, he played for 10 Major League Baseball teams in five spring training games in one day. Since then he's roasted Justin Bieber, walked red carpets at South By Southwest, dressed as a leprechaun with David Letterman, appeared on The Tonight Show in drag as snack cake queen Little Debbie, and traded barbs with Jon Stewart while wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with dozens of pictures of Zach Galifianakis.

He's pulling out all the stops to make sure everyone knows Get Hard, his comedy about a rich man who hires a coach (Kevin Hart) to prep him for prison, opens this weekend.

A few years ago, I landed in the middle of one of Ferrell's outlandish publicity stunts.

In July 2012 he was stumping for The Campaign, a political satire co-starring Galifianakis. The hot-and-steamy Toronto summer afternoon began with the actors riding down Yonge Street, throw-



Sitting on a bucket with his pants down? No big deal for Ferrell. Get Hard opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

ing out campaign buttons to passersby until they arrived at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Inside, I hosted a press conference with them and Mayor Rob Ford. Onstage, actors posing as Mounties guarded the Stanley Cup as Ford, then the most famous, and controversial, politician in Canada, gave the guys advice on how to campaign. Nothing was rehearsed and everyone was a bit nervous as I brought the three to the dais.

Ferrell talked about what

happened next on the Late Show with David Letterman.

"We step up to the mic. We're supposed to say a few words, and I say, 'How about a big round of applause for your mayor, Rob Ford.' It was literally ... not even a smattering of applause, just two people."

"It was just so silent that I actually had to comment on it. So I said, 'Mr. Mayor, that's a horrible ovation,' and the press corps burst out laughing. And he was just laughing.

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**It was just so silent that I actually had to comment on it. So I said, 'Mr. Mayor, that's a horrible ovation.'**

Will Ferrell on doing a stunt with Rob Ford

He didn't care. Just sweaty."

Ford was a good sport and played along. He gave them each a miniature Stanley Cup, pinned "Rob Ford for Mayor" buttons on their chests and handed out his famous business



cards, fridge magnets and bumper stickers before imparting some sage advice.

"It's very simple. Every person you meet, hand out a magnet and business card, and return people's phone calls. Customer service is No. 1" With a laugh he added, "and don't talk to the Toronto Star."

It may not have been the smoothest promotional stunt of all time, but it certainly was a memorable one.

The next year, Ferrell worked Ford into the promotion for Anchorman 2. By this time Ford's scandal-ridden term in office, fuelled by admissions of drug use, had rocketed him into the international spotlight.

Ferrell, in character as ridiculous San Diego newscaster Ron Burgundy, came out in support of Ford's re-election.

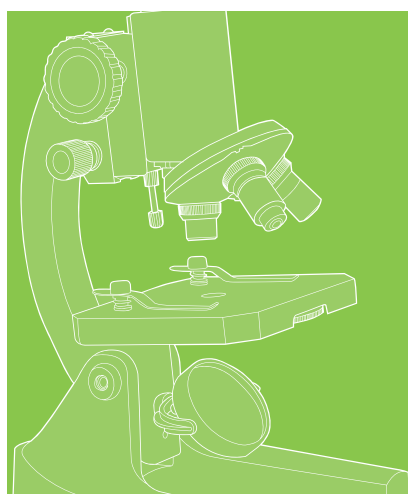
"Ron doesn't realize how much trouble Rob Ford is in," said Ferrell to Metro.

"He just thinks he's a great guy. Gregarious. Fun. Life of the party. Ron's advice would just be 'Keep doing what you're doing, it's obviously working.'"

He even wrote a campaign song to the tune of Loverboy's Working for the Weekend.

As usual, Ford took it all in stride, tweeting, "I had to laugh at my friend Ron Burgundy & his take on my 2014 re-election campaign song."

There's been no mention of Rob Ford in the promotion for Get Hard, but if Ferrell ever makes The Campaign 2: The Re-Election perhaps he'll give the former mayor a call.



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# Getting a real feel for movies

## FUTURE OF CINEMA

### Virtual reality technology catches eye of filmmakers

**Matt Kwong**  
Metro | Life

Comfy seating. Hot popcorn. And a stereoscopic virtual-reality headset for your viewing pleasure. It's a new cinematic experience envisioned by Hollywood and electronics manufacturers keen to tap into the hot VR market.

In recent years, Microsoft, Sony, Facebook, Google and Samsung have assumed a "gold-rush mentality" for VR, tech analyst Kevin Restivo said.

"As the core technology becomes refined for the masses, they're looking for wider applications," he said. "The movies are an obvious one."

Whereas the usual movie-watching experience is a one-directional affair, VR lets you step inside a scene, giving you the feeling you can move around in a film's environment. If you see an image on screen, or if a character is to your left, you can turn your head instead to the right and explore your surroundings with a 360-degree view.

The technology definitely caught the interest of attendees at this year's Sundance film festival.

A section dedicated to VR filmmaking was a main attraction at the fest. Users donned 3D wraparound goggles to experience an original scene from Wild between Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern.

Last month, premium cable network HBO and Lionsgate, the studio behind the \$1.5-billion Hunger Games franchise, announced content creation deals for HTC's much-hyped Vive system.

Beyond gaming, it's "the next logical step" for the Vive, said Jeff Gattis, an HTC spokesman.

"We can take content and brands that are known, and just open up new windows of entertainment," he said. "Whether that's going to be full features or clips, at a minimum, it's the creation of immersive virtual reality experiences."

That immersion aspect is what most excites Tre Azam. His U.K. company manufactures MyndPlay, a brainwave-sensing headband which, when used with VR displays such as the Oculus, allows a viewer to "change the storyline" of a video based on emotional responses.

"We've got a MyndGuardian video that puts you into an attack scenario where you're being mugged," Azam said. "You can train your mind into going into fight or flight mode. Maybe you want to defend yourself instead of panicking."

Developers, he said, have built some videos with 32 possible interactions.

"Imagine you've got a

90-minute movie where every scene could have a different possibility thrown in," he said.

So far, studios have been mostly leveraging VR experiences to hype up their big productions.

In collaboration with Lionsgate, Samsung's Gear VR device released a short on March 20 to promote the second film in its popular Divergent series.

Insurgent: Shatter Reality starred actors reprising their roles from the films.

HBO has experimented with short movie-making for VR headsets as well.

Attendees at last year's South By Southwest lined up to demo a Game of Thrones experience using Facebook's Oculus Rift VR headset. Users joined the Night's Watch and climbed a ladder to the top of the 700-foot ice wall.

As for when full-length VR feature films might ever take off as main cinematic attractions? That's hard to tell, said independent filmmaker Elli Raynai, who is completing his VR short for the Oculus Rift.

"I don't know if virtual reality is going to replace cinema," Raynai said. "All I know is it has different rules, it presents a new way of telling stories, and that's exciting for filmmakers."

## + Q&A

Cinephile Jesse Wentz, director of film programs at TIFF Bell Lightbox shared some thoughts on the technology.

**On the lasting power of VR films:** "I think we're a little early in the days to dismiss it as a gimmick."

**On the solitude aspect of VR:** "I think you'd be hard-pressed to create a physical communal experience if the idea is total immersion in a virtual world."

**On the difference between VR and cinema:**

"I wouldn't rule out some kind of future in which virtual reality can offer something similar to the movie-going experience. But ultimately, seeing a movie is seeing a moving in cinema. There's been no way to recreate it for 100 years."

MATT KWONG/METRO



A scene from Insurgent: Shatter Reality for Samsung's Gear VR.

## VIRTUAL REALITY

### A look at the VR headsets

**1 Oculus Rift/Facebook (formerly Oculus Rift)** Two development kits released. No consumer release date yet. DK2 costs \$350.

**2 Project Morpheus/Sony** Head-mounted display to be compatible with PlayStation 4 and PlayStation Vita gaming consoles. Anticipated early 2016 release.

**3 Google Cardboard/Google** Google's DIY device folds out from a piece of cardboard to turn a smartphone into a

VR headset. Users can download the app and either purchase a toolkit online, or build one themselves by following free online tutorials.

**4 The Vive/HTC** Marketed as a "premium" virtual reality experience, and powered by SteamVR. Anticipated release in the spring.

**5 Samsung Gear VR/Samsung** This is the first head-mounted display to hit the market, and costs \$199 US. The headmount was specifically designed to work with a Galaxy Note 4 smartphone.

**6 Virtual Boy/Nintendo** Released in 1995, then quickly discontinued the following year after poor sales and reports that some players were experiencing headaches from overuse. Originally retailed for around \$180 US.

**“Imagine you’ve got a 90-minute movie where every scene could have a different possibility thrown in**

Tre Azam of Myndplay



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## HORROR It Follows

**Director:** David Robert Mitchell  
**Starring:** Maika Monroe, Keir Gilchrist

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## ANIMATED Home

**Director:** Tim Johnson  
**Starring:** Jim Parsons, Rihanna

When Oh, a lovable misfit from another planet, lands on Earth and finds himself on the run, he forms an unlikely friendship with a girl named Tip who is on a quest of her own. Through a series of adventures with Tip, Oh comes to understand that being different and making mistakes is all part of being human.

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🍅 40% 🍅 69%



## COMEDY Get Hard

**Director:** Etan Cohen  
**Starring:** Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart

Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart headline this Warner Bros. comedy about a wrongfully convicted investment banker who prepares for prison life with the help of the man who washes his car. Etan Cohen directs, with Ian Roberts and Jay Martel handling screenwriting duties.

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Critics: Audience:  
🍅 28% +95%



## ACTION/ADVENTURE The Gunman

**Director:** Pierre Morel  
**Starring:** Sean Penn, Idris Elba

The Gunman, the new action thriller from Pierre Morel, the director of Taken, stars Sean Penn, Javier Bardem, Idris Elba, Ray Winstone and Mark Rylance.

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🍅 12% 🍅 36%



## ACTION The Divergent Series: Insurgent

**Director:** Robert Schwentke  
**Starring:** Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort, Theo James

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## HORROR A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night

**Director:** Jaume Collet-Serra  
**Starring:** Sheila Vand, Arash Marandi

The first Iranian Vampire Western ever made, Ana Lily Amirpour's debut basks in the sheer pleasure of pulp. It's a joyful mash-up of genre, archetype, and iconography.

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# So many men, so much talent

## INTERVIEW

## Actress Patricia Clarkson gushes about co-stars in *October Gale*

Patricia Clarkson's new thriller, *October Gale*, sees her working again with director Ruba Nadda, and starring opposite Callum Keith Rennie, Tim Roth and Scott Speedman.

"Can you imagine I got to be in a film with those men?" she says. "I arrived on the set and said, 'Oh my God, Ruba, I have died and gone to heaven.' Not only are they beautiful men, physically, but if you threw all their handsomeness out the window, they're gorgeous actors. First class ... singular actors."

The New Orleans native, an Academy Award nominee for Best Supporting Actress for her performance in *Pieces of April*, plays a doctor mourning the loss of her husband. For solace she retreats to a remote cottage in Georgian Bay. Her time of quiet reflection and healing is disrupted, however, by the ap-



Scott Speedman and Patricia Clarkson in *October Gale*. CONTRIBUTED

pearance of a mysterious and seriously injured young man, played by Speedman.

*October Gale* is the second collaboration between Clarkson and director Ruba Nadda.

"Ruba and I are very similar gals," Clarkson says.

"We like our hair and our lipstick and our high heels. I have four older sisters and

Ruba is truly like the little sister I never had. We are like family. We have a second language now. It's kismet. "I think I'm just the luckiest gal to know her and to have her so deeply in my life; in my professional life, in my personal life. I know her family now. I know her sisters ... We're just family and yet we are able to

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**She's Syrian-Palestinian and I'm Southern, so watch out**  
**”**  
Patricia Clarkson on her relationship with Ruba Nadda

separate all of that when we enter the workplace. We're both workhorses. We're very high energy, we don't take no for an answer, we'll fight to the death. She's Syrian-Palestinian and I'm Southern, so watch out."

Their first film together, *Cairo Time*, was the Best Reviewed Romance on Rotten Tomatoes for 2010 and soon they will begin

work on a series for HBO. Clarkson says her on-set relationship with Nadda is based on respect and the director's unique vision.

"Ruba has the courage to make films that people want to make," she says, "the kind of movies auteurs think they're making, but she actually has the courage to do it."

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## Mum's the word

Felicity Jones laughs and says "absolutely" when asked if she's coming up with various ways to say she can't talk about her starring role in the Star Wars spin-off *Rogue One*.

"I can't talk about it. It's really, really exciting but I can't talk about it," she said in a recent interview.

The film was confirmed by Disney's Bob Iger at a shareholders meeting in San Francisco earlier this month. Gareth Edwards (*Godzilla*) will begin directing this summer. The movie is scheduled

for a Dec. 16, 2016, release.

Jones, 31, said she has had "a fantastic, fantastic few months." She was nominated for a best-actress Oscar for her role as Jane Hawking in *The Theory of Everything*, and she says all the women nominated in that category supported each other.

"It felt very uncompetitive which was really nice," she said. "It felt like we were all supporting each other." (Julianne Moore won for *Still Alice*.)

"Along the way you just bump into the same people," Jones

said of the awards show circuit.

"And for all the women in the category we all became really good friends by the end of it. You'd be like, 'Hey, how are you?' I did feel like there was a lot of camaraderie between us which was really nice."

She said it is also nice doing publicity for other projects. "I had a fantastic time with (*The Theory of Everything*) and it was a special project to be a part of so I didn't mind speaking about it endlessly, but I do have to say it's nice to be talking about some-



Felicity Jones. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

thing else. Definitely."

Her next film, *True Story*, starring James Franco and Jonah Hill, is a true crime drama. It will hit theatres in April.

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Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke, Jai Courtney, and Arnold Schwarzenegger pose for a portrait during press day for *Terminator: Genisys* in Los Angeles. CASEY CURRY/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# A Terminator for all seasons

## TERMINATOR: GENISYS

**Army's back to introduce the Terminator to a new generation**

With four films (two great, two questionable), over \$1 billion in box office receipts, and a jumbled time-travel mythology, Terminator: Genisys is taking the elements of James Cameron's 1984 original and twisting them a bit to create an entirely new timeline. Two more Terminators are planned.

Getting a jump on a summer that's chock full of franchise fare, including continuations of The Avengers and Jurassic Park, Paramount Pictures recently showcased a few minutes of action-packed footage from Terminator: Genisys. Key cast members, including Schwarzenegger, were also made available — all to help generate early buzz for what

the studio hopes will be a bona fide summer blockbuster.

Seated on a massive couch next to his three new co-stars, Schwarzenegger seemed glad to be back. "I watched all the movies again to really get up to speed with the character," he said.

The film opens in a familiar spot — 2029, when the war against the all-powerful artificial intelligence system Skynet is raging. Resistance leader John Connor (Jason Clarke) once again sends soldier Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) back to 1984 to save his mother, Sarah Connor (Emilia Clarke), from being killed by a Terminator. But this time, things are different. Sarah has her own protector: An aged Terminator who has raised her since childhood.

The project on the whole is an intensely hush-hush endeavour, but director Alan Taylor (Thor: The Dark World) has said many times that, at its heart, the film is about man's relationship to technology

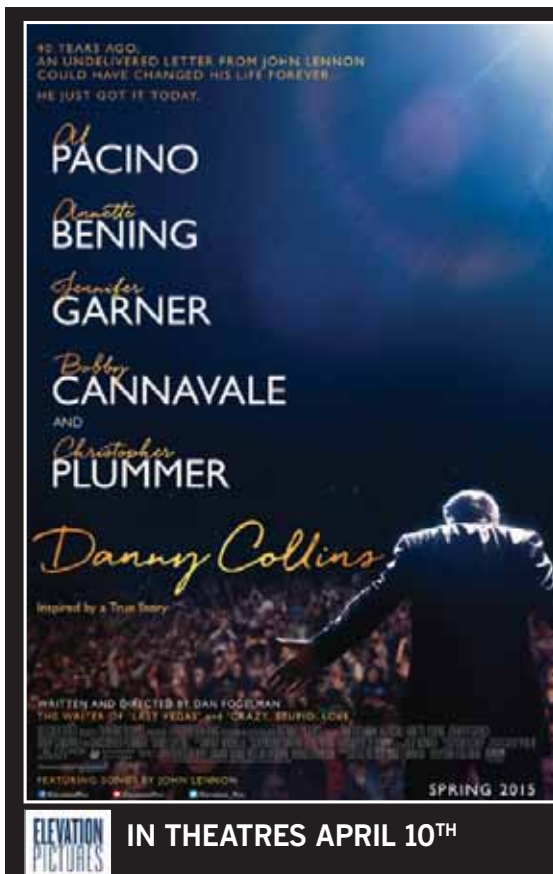
in the modern age. In 2015, that idea has evolved from when James Cameron first introduced us to the T-800 31 years ago.

"In '84, this was total science fiction — when machines take over. And now, we're there," said Schwarzenegger. "That's the wild thing about it. When we did this movie, it was kind of almost reality, unlike in 1984 where we thought, 'oh well wouldn't this be a funny world.' Things have changed."

While there are many Terminator die-hards out there waiting, as Courtney says, "to criticize this thing," when it finally hits theatres on July 1, he believes they'll be pleasantly surprised.

"The beauty of what we've done is not only stayed loyal to the original source material but opened it up to a whole new generation," said Courtney. "I think we'll succeed in bringing them in."

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# Crack up with Ferrell and Hart

## MOVIES

### Stars of Get Hard get you laughing. What else is new?

Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart have made names for themselves for being hilarious on film and TV screens, but can they be funny on paper? We sat down to chat with the Get Hard stars to find out. You be the judge.

*Reporter sits down, places digital recorder on table...*

**Will Ferrell:** Is everyone cool with this? It's a Sony product ... **Kevin Hart:** Will, that's not ... you didn't have to go there.

**Kevin, when are we going to get a movie where somebody's helping you out?**

**Hart:** I like to be in charge. You know, me and Denzel have this thing about being in charge. I'm

talking about doing Equalizer, the next one. Equalizer: Part 2. **Ferrell:** I love it.

**Hart:** Re-equalized is what they call it. It's called Equal Plus Equal. **Ferrell:** You're not going to get any argument from me.

**Hart:** No, you know what? I've started out in a place with characters where it was constantly reacting, reacting, reacting, and now it's in a place where the characters are a little bit more grounded and relatable. If this pattern continues to go, of course I think you'll see it flop. But in this particular film I'm playing two characters in the movie, so I love that I'm giving audiences the best of both worlds. As is Will.

**He's all right, I guess.**

**Hart:** Well, in this movie I think he could've been better, but at this point you take what you can. **Ferrell:** I did not give my best effort, I'm not going to lie.

**Hart:** Every day, Will showed up and was like, "I don't know about you, but I'm here for the

cheque." That's what he would say, every day, and I was like, "What the f— was that?"

**Ferrell:** I kept checking to make sure I was going to make the Pelicans game. Because we shot in New Orleans. But we were never butting heads in terms of comedy style or whatever.

**Hart:** There was the one time when you were like, "I'm going to my f—ing trailer. Kevin's up seven to nothing." He kept score.

**Ferrell:** I count the lines. I'll go through a script and I'll count the lines. I told Kevin first thing, "Hey, we're going to have a great time, but I have counted the lines and I have 30 more lines than you, and I feel good about that." I don't feel like that's too many more lines.

**How'd he get ahead?**

**Ferrell:** I just noticed. One day he was just coming up with all this great stuff, and I was down seven. So I just ended that. We wrapped at 11:30 a.m. that day.

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## REAL GET HARD

# Consultant shares jail myths

Lee Steven Chapelle had heard of Get Hard, a new flick about a white-collar criminal prepping for a prison sentence, but was surprised to learn it was a comedy.

Chapelle is a real-life prison consultant based in Ot-

tawa who works with the soon-to-be incarcerated and their families to ensure their time in jail is as safe, productive and brief as possible.

He has spent roughly 21 years total in prison. He was first convicted at 16.

Now, Chapelle is an author and active advocate for inmates' rights.

He says he only takes on clients he believes are sincere in their desire for rehabilitation.

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## Picking fights

Collective wisdom seems to suggest that freshly incarcerated individuals should testify to their tenacity by attacking someone. "If you're a person who's built to be able to do that, great," says a chuckling Chapelle. But such aggressiveness will only make it harder for inmates to campaign for parole later. Instead, he recommends that those new to prison mind their own business.

## Jail scares kids

Chapelle was a middle-class kid who stirred minor trouble as an adolescent before being convicted at 16 of a property crime. "My parents thought, 'OK, tough love, we're going to leave you in this detention centre,'" he says, recalling his two-month stint. "By the time I came out, I was completely anti-establishment." He ended up spending roughly a total of 21 years in jail.

## Canada versus the world

Particularly irksome for Chapelle is the idea that Canadian jails are somehow less bleak than prisons elsewhere. "We have our highest inmate population total in the history of Canada right now and the infrastructure is busting," he says. "You're sleeping with your head by a toilet because there's three or sometimes four to a cell."

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# One of our biggest fears, confronted

## DOCUMENTARY

## The Emperor of all Maladies takes a hard look at cancer

There's a mystery to cancer, in large part because of fear, that PBS tries to unravel in next week's six-hour documentary *Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies*.

"We're not really honest with each other," filmmaker Ken Burns said.

"We know about heart disease. We know about diabetes. We know about other things, but there's a kind of resistance because cancer is so scary."

Burns, who was 11 when his mother died of breast cancer, is executive producer of the film, directed by Barak Goodman. It's one of the few times Burns has been involved in a project that he didn't instigate.

The film airs over three consecutive nights beginning on March 30 and is inspired by Dr.

Siddhartha Mukherjee's Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same title. Starting at its most elemental — how cancer got its name — the documentary tells the story of advances and setbacks in years of research on how the disease develops and is treated, through developments since Mukherjee's book was published in 2010.

Mukherjee sees it as a State of the Union address on cancer, a topic with a reach and complexity that can make the entirety of the federal government seem simple in comparison.

The film softens the science with individual stories of people fighting for their survival.

Cancer proves an elusive and resilient enemy. Much of the promising research has been done since the 1970s, establishing that the cell mutations that characterize the disease can be triggered by genetics, the environment or a virus.

Treatments that once seemed promising proved disappointing. Some had limited success.



**The history of cancer has been littered with false dawns**

Barak Goodman

Immunotherapy, the use of a person's own immune system to fight cancer cells, is so new that it barely received a mention in Mukherjee's book but gets a thorough telling in the film.

The film follows the story of the very first child ever to receive a new treatment to attack cancer cells.

"The history of cancer has been littered with false dawns with, as our film discusses, moments of great optimism followed by immediately crashing disillusionment," Goodman said.

"So we did have to be very careful about those we chose to follow."

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**The Emperor of All Maladies is like a State of the Union address on cancer. The three-part series will premiere on PBS on Monday.** COURTESY PBS

## SCIENCE

## Another smoking-type coverup? 'Trust me, in the next 10 years'

Often, the doctors and scientists are pushed by patients themselves.

The story of radical mastectomy for breast cancer is particularly illuminating, how it went from the universally accepted treatment with naysayers ridiculed until other, less invasive approaches were proven effective.

The film *The Emperor of All Maladies* by Ken Burns discusses the groundbreaking surgeon general's report in the 1960s

strongly linking cigarette smoking to cancer and the slow but steady reduction, at least in the United States, of probably the best-known carcinogen.

"You could say, 'Does that matter?'" Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee said.

"Trust me, in the next 10 years we will find yet another new carcinogen being somewhere that we don't know about and a company that's eager to obfuscate on its origins, and the

lessons from what we learned about cigarettes will apply all over again."

Sharon Rockefeller, president and CEO of PBS' influential Washington affiliate WETA, read Mukherjee's book while she was being treated for colon cancer, caught just weeks before becoming incurable. With Laura Ziskin, the late co-founder of Stand Up to Cancer, they resolved to see the book turned into a film.

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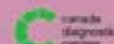
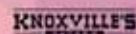
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# The Keys to her heart

INTERVIEW

**Star of Netflix's Bloodline is enthralled by Florida locale**

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Kyle Chandler and Cardellini in Netflix's Bloodline. SAEED ADYANI / NETFLIX

**“You don’t have to make an appointment with the television”**

**Linda Cardellini on the joys of binge watching**

Linda Cardellini's new show is filmed far from Hollywood. The former Mad Men co-star plays Meg Rayburn, wayward daughter of a large, secretive family in the Netflix series Bloodline. She co-stars with Kyle Chandler, Sam Shepard and Sissy Spacek, but says the Florida Keys location is as much a part of the show as the cast.

“It is otherworldly. It is different from anything I have known,” she says.

“It is a place that has a duality to it. On one hand, it is extraordinarily beautiful and on the other there is this oppressive heat and slight danger that follows you around everywhere. When you're in the elements, there are a lot of things around you that are sometimes friendly to human beings and sometimes not so much. It's perfect for the show because it really shows this paradise and on the other side there are these really dangerous things.”

When she was first approached to do the Bloodline, there wasn't even a script for her to read.

“There was a pitch,” she says, “and I had a meeting with (producer) Glen Kessler and he spoke so beautifully with so much rich detail about who this person is, what she means to the family, what the story means. To me, that was very exciting — how

much he had to say and how much he knew.

“It showed to me that the creators of the show were very interested in each and every one of the characters. To have the family dynamic be appealing you have to understand every facet of the family.”

The pitch won her over, in part because she had just binge watched the legal drama Damages, the last show from the same producers.

“When I watched Damages, I loved how they wrote for women,” she says.

“I thought what could have been viewed as a stereotype was introduced and explored in such a fashion that broke all those stereotypes and broke all those glass ceilings about what a female character could or couldn't be. To me that was very exciting.”



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### Steven Spielberg to direct Ready Player One

Deadline reports that the man who has helmed everything from Jaws and E.T. to Raiders of the Lost Ark and Minority Report is about to get to grips with an adaptation of the cult sci-fi novel. Written by Ernest Cline and set in a dystopian 2044, Ready Player One revolves largely around a virtual reality game focused on references to 1980s pop culture. And, as Deadline points out, some of those references are

to Spielberg himself.

It is understood that the film will be the next cinematic project in Spielberg's schedule following the completion of his current film — a big-screen adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's story The BFG. AFP

### Mad Max to make long-awaited comeback at Cannes

Mad Max: Fury Road, the fourth film in the dystopian cult saga by director George Miller, will screen on May 14 at



**Mad Max is returning May 14.** WARNER BROS PICTURES

the Cannes Film Festival, the organizers confirmed Wednesday.

Thirty years after he first rode on to cinema screens across the globe, “Mad” Max Rockatansky returns in the shape of English actor Tom Hardy, who replaces Mel Gibson, the star of the previous instalments.

The film is due for global release immediately after its out-of-competition screening preview in Cannes, the festival said.

### Fully animated Smurfs reboot announced

The new movie is scheduled to hit cinema screens on March 31, 2017 and promises to be closer to the original Peyo comic books than Sony's previous two attempts.

Sony's 2011 The Smurfs, and its 2013 sequel The Smurfs 2, mixed animation with live action and, in the case of the latter, Katy Perry. According to director Kelly Asbury, this hybrid approach is being dumped in favour of traditional animation for the next instalment, as is any



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# Trailer Park Boys are cleaning up their act

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**Season 9 will be released on Netflix this Friday**

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When Ricky of Sunnyvale Trailer Park gets out of jail on Friday, he's going to do something he's never done before: get a real job.

"I actually took some courses that are going to help me get a job. I took this course that helps you work with flowers so I might work at a flower store," said Ricky in a recent "interview from jail."

"I'm going to try and not do any crime and I just want to hang out with my grandson once he gets born."

Ricky (Robb Wells), Julian (John Paul Tremblay) and Bubbles (Mike Smith), who stayed in character for this interview,



**Bubbles (Mike Smith) from Trailer Park Boys. The new season starts Friday.** CONTRIBUTED

are back with Season 9 of the hugely successful Trailer Park Boys. The show will be released Friday on Netflix.

Last season ended just as most others — with the infamous trailer park trio going back to jail.

But this time around, their stay on the inside appears to have had a positive impact.

Ricky and Julian are unusually optimistic about leading a crime-

free life — a curious mindset for the career convicts, who usually commit just as many crimes in jail as outside.

Julian, who ended last season with shares of the park and a booming trailer-based bar and gym, says he plans to focus on his business.

"I spent a lot of time studying in here so when I get out I want to expand my business," said Jul-

“

**Things have been getting a little out of hand.**

Bubbles

ian, referring to Julian's Sports Bar and Gym.

"I think if I can expand the business, maybe open up some other ones around the Atlantic provinces, I think I'll be retired in three or four years."

But the boys are bound to fall into their old habits, especially with hints of trouble back in Sunnyvale.

"Things started out good, but then things changed a little bit and I'm just trying to deal with it all," said Bubbles, who was released from jail months ago.

"I can't really talk about it right now because Julian is here and there's some things I don't particularly want him to know."



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# What's next for Shailene

Still basking in the box-office success of *Insurgent*, Shailene Woodley just might outdo herself after the franchise ends. Judging by her peers Jennifer Lawrence and Kristen Stewart, who both went from blockbuster franchises to award-winning careers, it's entirely possible. AFP



Shailene Woodley's star is on the rise. ALL PHOTOS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GETTY

## Oscar glow like Jennifer Lawrence

The parallels between *Divergent* and *The Hunger Games* are obvious: both are sci-fi adventure stories with a strong-willed female protagonist and a dystopian setting. But there are also parallels between the career paths of the two stars: Woodley and Jennifer Lawrence. Both made a name for themselves on the big screen before age 20 thanks to indie roles. Lawrence claimed her first Oscar nomination for *Winter's Bone*, while Woodley grabbed a Golden Globe nomination for *The Descendants*, in which she co-starred with George Clooney.



## Eclectic roles like Kristen Stewart

Woodley and Lawrence both call to mind another actress who rose to global stardom in a high-grossing franchise: former *Twilight* star Kristen Stewart. Since the last *Twilight* movie, the actress has appeared in Walter Salles' adaptation of Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*, a film that took her to the Cannes Film Festival in 2012. After *Snow White and the Huntsman*, Stewart has graced the screen in a number of acclaimed films, including *Silence* by French director Olivier Assayas and *Still Alice* with Julianne Moore.



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## Last chance: American-free Cuba

### CARIBBEAN

#### What you need to experience before the island changes

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Cuba is heating up. Flights, hotel rooms and even casas particulares, the Cuban version of B&Bs, are in demand. Scores of tourists from Canada are flocking to the country after U.S. President Obama announced plans to restore diplomatic ties with Cuba.

Once the border opens up to Americans, it's expected that prices will increase as demand exceeds supply.

Cuba's political and economic future is shifting, so if you want to get a glimpse of a bygone era before it's gone — a 1950s freeze frame where iPads and Starbucks don't exist — then now is the time to pack your bags.

#### Old Havana

The capital city, where most travellers flock, is already fairly touristy — though it's a photographer's dream with its 1950s classic cars and crumbling art nouveau and colonial architecture.

If you want to get a sense of how Cubans really live, wander around Centro Havana. It's safe and easily walkable (Cuba is not known for violent crime), but the blazing heat may force



Practise your Spanish and see some classic cars in the capital city, Havana. ISTOCK

you to stop for a coconut daiquiri or Cuba libre at one of Ernest Hemingway's former haunts — like El Floridita — to cool down.

#### Tour the coast

It's well worth venturing beyond Havana. Since you can't Google your way through this country (indeed, Gmail won't work here, even if you do find Wi-Fi), it means that hidden gems are still, in fact, hidden.

Since much of the country's environment has been protected, Cuba offers up pristine coastlines and wetlands. There's fear, however, that once borders open up and for-

eign developers move in, this could change. So now is the time to see a world relatively untouched by tourism — before it is.

Cuba has thousands of coral reefs that appear to be healthier than others in Caribbean waters thanks to decades of isolation from mass tourism, according to the Nature Conservancy. So you can snorkel around reefs where you'll encounter everything from stingrays to green sea turtles — maybe even a reef shark — with no other boat in sight.

#### The Cannarreos Archipelago

One way to do this is to sail

Cuba's coastline. Canadian tour operator G Adventures, for example, recently launched a sailing trip that allows small groups of travellers to explore the islands of the Canarreos Archipelago, many of which are uninhabited.

The archipelago is made up of more than 300 islands and islets, most of which are uninhabited.

Cayo Largo is the second-largest island, though it's only 26 kilometres long and three kilometres wide. Aside from stunning beaches, it's home to nesting sea turtles and flamingos.

Then there's Cayo Rico,

which is only accessible by boat. There's a beach bar here, but that's it. You can hang out with the iguanas and explore secluded coves that make you feel like you're on a deserted island (though pina colodas are never too far away).

#### Meet the people

While sun-seekers have been heading to the island nation on discounted all-inclusive resort packages for years, the best way to see the "real" Cuba before it changes is to get off the resort.

The locals easily live up to their reputation as some of the friendliest, most hospitable

### + HISTORY

- Cuba was once the playground for America's wealthy elite, who lived it up in Havana's five-star resorts and casinos. But that all changed after the Cuban Revolution of 1953, where socialism took root under Fidel Castro and Che Guevara.
- The U.S. established a trade embargo against Cuba in 1962 to reduce "the threat posed by its alignment with the communist powers," according to Proclamation 3447.

people on the planet, and it's a great way to practice your Spanish.

If you do opt to sail the coast, dock overnight at the marina in Cayo Largo and join the Cubans for a late-night dance party to pulsating Latin beats under a sky full of stars. Don't know how to salsa or do the cha-cha-cha? No matter. You won't have any problem finding someone who will be happy to show you.

While you'll enjoy fresh seafood on the coast, it's also a first-hand experience of Cuban ingenuity. Step into a Cuban supermarket and you won't find much. There are no Pringles or Snickers bars. There are few fresh vegetables. So to see your Cuban cook whip up new — and tasty — dishes each day out of limited ingredients (such as tinned veggies) really hits home how Cubans actually live under a U.S. trade embargo.

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## Pacific Grove, Calif. \$1,422 per week

This historic studio has a unique and rich literary history, having belonged to **John Steinbeck** in the early '40s. He wrote *The Sea of Cortez* while living here. The 350-square-foot studio has its original '20s architecture, which means short doorways and a warning for tall guests to "mind their heads." Located a kilometre from the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row.



## Omaha, Neb. Free?

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## Stone Ridge, N.Y. \$2,586 per week

Located by the Mohonk Preserve, the Rubber House was built for the famed choreographer **Eugene Loring**. It was then owned by actor **Willem Dafoe** who faithfully retained the original dance studio and industrial kitchen. Situated on seven acres, the house is nestled within a grouping of giant moss-covered prehistoric boulders. The listing suggests you'll need a car, bike or perhaps a horse to get around.

# Beyond Santa Monica's famous old pier

## DESTINATION

## Classics and more to see in this paradise on L.A.'s edge

Planning a trip to Southern California but don't want to fight L.A. traffic? Check out the Santa Monica in all its picture-postcard beauty. From a funky old pier surrounded by some of the world's best beaches to its upscale shopping district, scores of art galleries, top-rated restaurants and bountiful nightlife, there are enough things in this

little oasis just 19 kilometres west of downtown Los Angeles to keep you not only occupied but enthralled.

### What's new

**Santa Monica Place:** Transformed in 2010, this shopping mall is a bright, open-air gathering spot of upscale restaurants and stores that connects directly with the city's pedestrian-friendly Third Street Promenade, forming the heart of Santa Monica's downtown.

### Classic attractions

Start by making a beeline to Santa Monica Pier, the 99-year-old landmark with an entrance

## + IF YOU GO

### Getting around

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sign proclaiming it as the final stop on Route 66, the historic highway John Steinbeck declared America's Mother Road. Here you'll find everything from musicians, snake handlers, artists and other street performers, to quiet

areas set aside for fishing. In the middle of it all is an amusement park with a solar-powered Ferris wheel that carries riders 40 metres up.

### Hanging out

On the way into town check out Bergamot Station Art Center. A collection of modest buildings near a maintenance yard in the section of town farthest from the beach, it's easy to overlook. But inside this 19th-century rail yard you'll find a small art museum and more than a dozen contemporary galleries displaying photos, sculptures, paintings and more.

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CHBA-Edmonton Region was established in 1954. The not-for-profit organization is the voice of the residential home building industry and part of a national organization that represents more than 8,000 companies across Canada.

The more than 460 members of CHBA-ER cover the gamut of housing industry professionals including new home builders, renovators, developers, trade contractors, land developers, building material manufacturers, suppliers, and financial institutions.

"We provide tools for members' success, we're the voice and go-to resource for the home building industry," says Jason Sutton, president, CHBA – Edmonton Region. "We perform a wide variety of work that supports our members."

That work includes building relationships, strategic lobbying and just keeping the lines of communication open between the industry and various levels of government. "Government relations is a top priority for us," says Sutton. "Governments at all levels have an enormous impact on the housing industry so we work hard to ensure governments are fully informed of the impact their decisions have on housing costs."

CHBA-ER also devotes considerable resources to providing education to its members through monthly dinner and breakfast meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences, technical publications, industry position papers, monthly building permit reports, economic



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**"WE ALSO DO A LOT TO PROMOTE SAFETY ON THE WORK SITE AND ENSURE EVERYONE GETS TO GO HOME TO THEIR FAMILY AT THE END OF THE DAY."**

**– Jason Sutton, president, CHBA**

forums, and networking opportunities.

"We want to share the wealth of industry knowledge with our members far and wide," says Sutton. "We also do a lot to promote safety on the work site and ensure everyone gets to go home to their family at the end of the day." CHBA-ER encourages all of its members to participate in a variety of industry education and training programs, such as COR, SECOR and the MasterBUILDER program.

The organization also encourages participa-



Jason Sutton CONTRIBUTED

tion from each and every member in dozens of different committees and working groups that are helping "shape the future" of the

home building industry. "We really encourage all our members to contribute their energy, expertise and ideas to our committees and groups thereby improving our very dynamic and exciting industry."

CHBA-ER also encourages its members to get to know each other by hosting a number of different networking events throughout the year where members "exchange knowledge and experiences, and develop lasting, quality business relationships," says Sutton.

There's also a lot of communication with the media, decision makers and other stakeholders outside the home-building industry. With a dedicated public relations committee, CHBA-ER is helping improve the public perception of the industry: "Our members are recognized as qualified building experts whose exemplary standards set the bar for home-building excellence across the capital region," he says.

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## An overview of the CHBA awards

Every year, the Canadian Home Builders' Association – Edmonton Region (CHBA-ER) celebrates the superior craftsmanship, overall excellence and top-notch professionalism of the homebuilders and renovators that serve thousands of families in and around the Edmonton area.

This year, the 2015 Awards of Excellence in Housing will be held Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the sold-out Awards of Excellence in Housing Gala at the Shaw Conference Centre. Eighteen hundred people will don black-ties or evening gowns to applaud the award winners in 11 different categories: Single-Family, Multi-Family, Renovation, Sales Centre, Advertising, Development, Leadership, Environmental, Builders Choice, Sales Volume, and Sales People.

"CHBA-ER's Awards of Excellence in Housing honours the best of the best, and this year's entries are no exception," says Jason Sutton, President, CHBA — Edmonton Region.

"The awards are reflective of the hard work, dedication, and success of the members of the CHBA-ER, both builders and renova-



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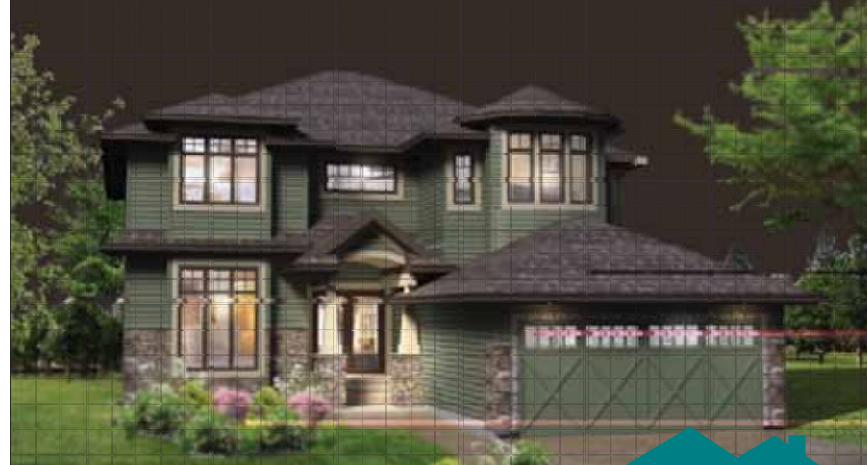
tors in the Edmonton region. We're proud to congratulate all of this year's finalists and look forward to seeing who brings home this year's awards."

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Caldwell, finalist

## Choosing CHBA-ER Awards finalists

There is a thorough and impartial process behind how CHBA-ER selects the finalists and winners for the 2015 Awards of Excellence in Housing.

The organization asks for knowledgeable professionals across the homebuilding industry to lend their time and good judgment to assess the hundreds of entries received. The identities of the judges are kept entirely confidential—their names are known only to the staff of Canadian Home Builders Association – Edmonton Region.

Nominations are entered online into CHBA-ER databanks and once the judges are selected they are sent an awards package via email. It outlines all the different categories and the various criteria, step-by-step instructions as well as a link to a special password-protected website where all the entries are waiting for them.

Judges have two weeks to review the entries at their leisure. CHBA-ER estimates judging each entry takes only about five minutes. The judges are asked to “pick a clear winner” in each of the different categories.

“A typical entry in the homebuilding or renovation categories will include pictures of the home, the floor plan and answers to a series of questions we posed,” says Jason Sutton, president, CHBA – Edmonton Region.

In the development category, judges review a subdivision plan and in the advertising category judges review the ad, whether it's print, video or audio and review answers to CHBA-ER's questions.

In each category there will be an average of 15 to 20 entries to judge, however entries for the advertising awards have “substantially more” entries to review.

Once all the judging is done, CHBA-



Limestone, finalist

ER members get ready to celebrate the best of the industry at the Awards of Excellence in Housing, Edmonton's premier housing industry awards (only CHBA-ER members are allowed to compete).

Plenty of media come out to cover the Awards of Excellence in Housing and those companies that are nominated and make the list of finalists enjoy media attention and consumer recognition.

The members of CHBA-ER are leaders in the homebuilding industry, accounting for nearly 70 per cent of all residential construction activity in and around the city. And that's something to celebrate.

### COMPLETE LIST OF CATEGORIES

Here is a complete list of the categories for the 2015 Awards of Excellence in Housing:

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"RenoMark™ renovators understand the value of customer service, provide warranties and continually educate themselves on trends, materials and new regulations," says Jason Sutton, President, CHBA – Edmonton Region. "The program raises the bar."

First of all, RenoMark™ contractors are members of the CHBA-ER, which means they are professionals, have the proper business licenses, and know about any and all changes to building codes, municipal requirements and health and safety regulations.

"Choosing a RenoMark™ contractor gives you peace-of-mind," says Sutton. "They aren't 'fly-by-night' or 'cash only' operators. They pay their taxes and run legitimate businesses." Unlike 'under the table' renovators, RenoMark™ contractors provide warranties and service after the project is complete. They also provide clients with a list of references so they can check on the company's performance and

expertise.

RenoMark™ contractors treat their clients right and have professional dealings with their employees and trade contractors. "Renovators in the program are concerned about fair and honest quotes and reliable start and finish dates," says Sutton. "They really understand that keeping the lines of communication wide open is the key to a successful job."

They offer clients advice throughout the renovation process, starting with the very beginning of the planning stages. RenoMark™ contractors ensure every detail is covered off — from all necessary approvals and permits, proper insurance coverage and the appropriate workers' compensation coverage for all employees and sub-contractors working on your renovation.

Renovators who choose to be part of the program subscribe to a general Code of Ethics and a renovation-specific Code of Conduct. They take part in a number of courses, information sessions, and communications programs. They also know the latest and greatest in terms of products, manufacturers, suppliers and experienced trade contractors. "They know what's new and where to get it," says Sutton.

Furthermore, members of the RenoMark™ program take part in local renovator councils that meet regularly throughout the year. The councils serve to provide updates about the industry and participate in different sessions to exchange information.



Backwoods, before and after. CONTRIBUTED



The Riverview, before and after. CONTRIBUTED



# CHBA big on building community

*Organization helps hard-to-house adults, and educates young people*

The hundreds of companies that belong to Canadian Home Builders' Association — Edmonton Region — build houses and they also believe in building community.

Over the last six decades, the hundreds of individuals and corporations that comprise the home-building industry in the Edmonton area have given countless generous donations to help combat social and other issues affecting the region.

CHBA-ER member companies have thrown their support behind trying to alleviate homelessness, supporting at-risk youth and initiatives aimed at reducing crime-related problems in the region.

In 2006, after decades of individual donations from our member companies, the organization established a formal fund, the Edmonton Region Homebuilders' Charity Funds. And in the nine years since, the Edmonton area home building industry has been directly responsible for building residences for hard-to-house adults, helped educate hundreds of young people in the trades, as well individual companies supporting a wide range of community initiatives.

In 2006, the CHBA-ER teamed up with the Edmonton's Inner City Housing Society to address a lack of housing for adults who have a difficult time finding a place to live. The goal was to raise \$500,000 over three years.

Together, CHBA member companies and the Housing Society designed and built HomeBase, a 26-unit housing project for single, economically dependent, physically or mentally disabled adults.

The facility opened its doors January 1, 2010 and CHBA-ER support is helping to manage and maintain the building for its dozens of residents. "Through the generous support and donation of the residential housing industry, we are proud to say that the HomeBase housing project is now fully occupied," says Sutton.

CHBA-ER identified another issue to support that would help hundreds of young people looking to learn a trade as well as address an issue that has a direct impact on the home-building industry: The shortage of people taking homebuilder trades and the aging of workers currently in those trades.

So, in 2006, the Edmonton Region



CHBA helping organize a food drive. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



CHBA members participating in a charity gold tournament.

Homebuilders' Charity Funds set out to raise a further \$500,000 over three years.

Administered by the Edmonton Community Foundation, the funds provide Homebuilder Trades Scholarships.

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"Our CHBA-ER members combine the latest construction techniques with timeless craftsmanship to create homes that are comfortable, attractive and just a great place to live," explains Jason Sutton, president, CHBA – Edmonton Region. "With a new home, you will know exactly how the house was built and what went into it — what you can see and what's behind the walls."

As for what you'll find behind those walls, new homes have new high performance building components including energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, higher levels of insulation and better doors and windows. "You'll find that today's mechanical systems are really compact and energy efficient," says Sutton. "New integrated systems combine functions, such as space heating and hot water heating, in a single piece of equipment."

New houses also include technology and materials that ensure excellent indoor air quality including appropriate moisture levels and prevention of mould

and odours. Using the most advanced construction materials when building a home means the people who move in will not only save money on their energy bills, they'll also enjoy living in a far more comfortable home.

"Builders use a variety of efficient construction technologies to achieve unparalleled quality and performance," says Sutton. "While most new homes are based on wood frame construction, we're seeing the use of other, more recent systems such as steel framing, insulating concrete forms and panelized wall assemblies."

New homes are also safer. They're built in compliance with the latest building codes and they include electrical circuit protectors, hard-wired smoke detectors and a wide variety of other new and improved safety measures that will protect you and your family.

You'll also find a new home is a whole lot simpler to maintain. "With today's careful construction, thoughtful design and improved building products, it is easier than ever to keep your home in great condition inside and out," says Sutton.

And, when you build a new home, you can design exactly what your family needs. Pick the right floor plan with open living areas, lots of light and well-planned work spaces. Whether it's the perfect piece of granite for the kitchen island or good looking and durable carpet for the kids' rooms, you are able to select the finishes that suit your family's flair.



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"From flooring to faucets, you'll find that new home builders offer a wide selection of standard and upgrade options," says Sutton. "That means you choose what best suits your lifestyle, personality and budget."

Working with a CHBA-ER member means you can get precisely what you need in terms of form and function, including a flexible layout that will make it easy to accommodate changes as your family grows and changes.

But good design doesn't end when you walk out the front door of your new home. New developments incorporate the latest research into how to design people-friendly communities. From lots of green spaces where you and your kids can run around, to safe and attractive roads and pathways, to street design that encourages getting to know your neighbours,

new, well-designed communities will enhance your quality of life.

When you decide to build a new home, you can choose your builder, have the peace-of-mind of a warranty and not have to worry about an old furnace breaking down on the coldest day of the year, or repairing the shingles on the roof during the wettest week of spring. You will enjoy years of maintenance-free living, without any big replacement or repair costs.

"Today's professional builders understand building science and know how to build a home that not only looks good, but is well constructed and great to live in," says Sutton. "There have been remarkable advances in building products, materials and systems and our members build that into every new home we deliver to each and every family."



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Parkwood Master Builder www.parkwoodmasterbuilder.com

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Rohit Land Development Callaghan  
Rohit Land Development Starling at Big Lake

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Rohit Communities Maddox  
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### • MF7 Best Multi-Family Townhouse/Duplex \$375,000 to \$450,000

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### • MF8 Best Executive over \$450,000

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### • MF9 Best Multi-Family - Apartment Building

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### • MF10 Best Multi-Family - Townhouse/Duplex Project

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Rohit Communities Elements Starling  
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### • RN1 Best Exterior Renovation

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Home Style Construction Ltd. Strathcona

### • RN2 Best Renovation under \$200,000 (NEW)

Ackard Contractors Riverview  
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Aquarian Renovations Blue Quill Residence  
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### • RN3 Best Renovation \$200,000 to \$500,000 (NEW)

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Home Style Construction Ltd. Strathcona

### • RN4 Best Renovation over \$500,000 (NEW)

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Kanvi Homes Ambleside  
Sabal Homes by Hopewell Secord

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Pacesetter Homes Laurel Crossing  
Rohit Communities Aspen Trails  
Sterling Homes (Edmonton) Ltd. Tamarack Common

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Parkwood Master Builder Qualico Group Building  
Qualico Group

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Connect Homes Kaylan AB  
Connect Homes Concorde  
Jayman MasterBUILT Destiny I  
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### • SF02 Best Single Family \$275,000 to \$325,000

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Daytona Homes Tiquan  
Jayman MasterBUILT Renew PB  
Pacesetter Homes Paladin  
Sabal Homes by Hopewell Insight

### • SF03 Best Single Family \$325,000 to \$999,999

Coventry Homes Willingdon  
Crimson Cove Homes Merlin  
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Rosecrest Homes Ltd. The Marbella

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### • SF07 Best Single Family \$300,000 to \$325,000

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Rohit Communities Tobago  
Sterling Homes (Edmonton) Ltd. Telquist  
White Eagle Homes Ltd. The Garnet

### • SF08 Best Single Family \$325,000 to \$350,000

Daytona Homes Austyn III  
Pacesetter Homes Madison C  
Parkwood Master Builder Bridgeport  
Sabal Homes by Hopewell Reflex  
Vicky's Homes The Valerie

### • SF09 Best Single Family \$350,000 to \$375,000

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Daytona Homes Sequoia  
Daytona Homes Benz II  
Dolce Vita Homes Allegro B  
Mattamy Homes The Hickory 'B'

### • SF10 Best Single Family \$375,000 to \$400,000

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Dolce Vita Homes Portofino  
Homes by Avi The Caldwell  
Pacesetter Homes Secretariat  
White Eagle Homes Ltd. The Limestone

### • SF11 Best Single Family \$400,000 to \$450,000

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Mattamy Homes The Walnut  
Rocco Homes Inc. Cameron  
White Eagle Homes Ltd. The Sandstone  
White Eagle Homes Ltd. The Moonstone

### • SF12 Best Single Family \$450,000 to \$525,000

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Bedrock Homes Carlton II  
Kanvi Homes Hybrid  
Rocco Homes Inc. Brown Residence  
Vicky's Homes Inc. The Makayla

### • SF13 Best Single Family \$525,000 to \$650,000

Dolce Vita Homes Navelli C  
Marcson Homes Ltd. The Catherine  
San Rufo Homes Ltd. Gia  
Vicky's Homes Inc. The Brooke  
White Eagle Homes Ltd. The Emilia

### • SF14 Best Single Family \$650,000 to \$999,999

Augusta Fine Homes Shaughnessy  
Brookhaven Developments Ltd. Casa De Paz  
Kimberley Homes Custom  
Marcson Homes Ltd. The Katelynn  
Rocco Homes Inc. Malmo Residence

### • SF15 Best Estate Home over \$1 Million

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Habitat Studio The Rubix  
Habitat Studio The Incline  
Parkwood Master Builder Strathcona Infill  
Perry Signature Homes Augusta

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Habitat Studio  
Jayman MasterBUILT  
Landmark Group of Builders  
Perry Signature Homes  
Rosecrest Homes Ltd.  
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Glenora Lumber & Building Supplies Ltd.  
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### • BC2 Supplies and Installs a Tangible Product directly to the Builder/Renovator

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Gem Cabinets Ltd.  
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Loewen  
Weiss - Johnson Sheet Metal

### • BC3 Supplies a Service Directly to the Builder/Renovator

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Bluebird Contracting Services Ltd.  
Landlie Consulting Ltd.  
Pais Geomatics Corp  
Stantec Geomatics Ltd.

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Platinum Level  
Pacesetter Homes David Edmiston  
Pacesetter Homes Paul Singh  
Pacesetter Homes Carla Weinmeyer  
Sterling Homes (Edmonton) Ltd. Erik Eisen  
Dolce Vita Homes Darryl Rose  
ReidBuilt Homes Steve Bosse  
ReidBuilt Homes Biljana Spasojevic

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Pacesetter Homes Dan Gibson  
Dolce Vita Homes Heather Rae  
Pacesetter Homes Tara Gauthier/Johnston  
Kanvi Homes Betty Semeniuk  
Crimson Cove Homes Muriel McKay  
Coventry Homes Inc. Darren Rose  
Carrington Communities Kathy Douglas  
Carrington Communities Mark Sveinson

Silver Level  
Daytona Homes Ryan Richardson  
Daytona Homes Curtis Frew  
Sterling Homes (Edmonton) Ltd. Vanja Lugonja  
Sterling Homes (Edmonton) Ltd. Brett Chartrand  
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Brookfield Residential Yezemin Ozybey

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Brookfield Residential Sheila Hang  
StreetSide Developments Terry Reyner  
Dolce Vita Homes Mouhamad Tarbine  
Sabal Homes by Hopewell Lyndsey Ricci  
Brookfield Residential Bridgette Beaulieu  
Homes by Avi Marina Delemon  
Sabal Homes by Hopewell Christopher Wigeland

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Notre Dame's Zach Auguste slams home two points against Wichita State on Thursday in Cleveland.

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

# Irish jolt Shockers, advance to Elite 8

Notre Dame's march through March is picking up speed. Demetrius Jackson scored 20 points and the third-seeded Irish dominated Wichita State 81-70 in the Midwest regional semifinals on Thursday night to advance to the Elite Eight for the first time in 36 years. The Irish (32-5) shot 75 per cent (18 of 24) in the second half, easily pulling away from the seventh-seeded Shockers (30-5). Notre Dame will play either unbeaten Kentucky or West Virginia on Saturday night with a Final Four spot on the line.

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# Simmons' rink playing to win him a world title

CURLING

## Morris, Rycroft and Thiessen want success for their skip

John Morris, Carter Rycroft and Nolan Thiessen are all former world men's curling champions. They're hoping to get their skip his first world title at this year's tournament in Halifax. Pat Simmons will guide the host Canadian side at the competition, which begins Saturday in Halifax. He took over skipping duties from Morris after the team struggled in the early going at the recent Tim Hortons Brier.

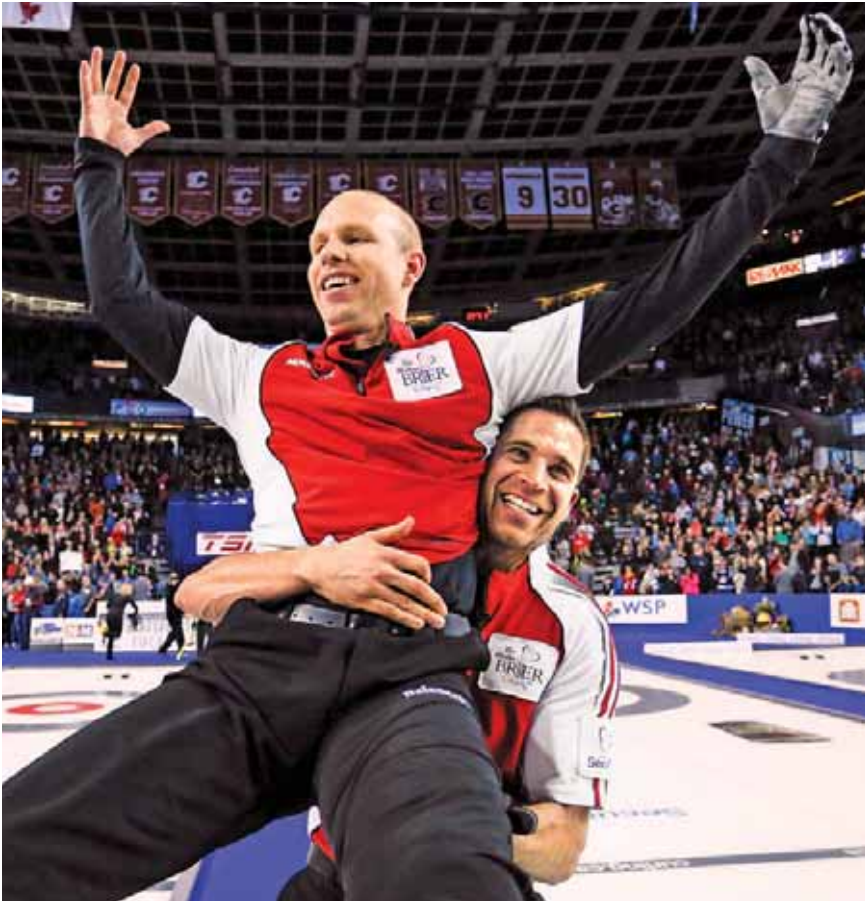
Simmons went on to lead the Calgary rink to the playoffs and a successful title defence as

“There's still probably room for improvement in that respect, but I definitely was pleased with how quickly everything did come back for sure.

Pat Simmons

the first Team Canada entry at the national championship. A 6-5 victory over Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs gave them a berth in the 12-team world championship along with a chance to make up for a disappointing fourth-place finish last year in Beijing. “That's one of our big motivators going into Halifax,” said Morris. “We want to get that world championship for Pat.” Simmons, Rycroft and Thiessen won the Brier last year with Alberta skip Kevin Koe. However, reports surfaced shortly before the 2014 world championship that Koe planned to move forward with a new lineup for this season. They still made it to the bronze-medal game but settled for fourth place. Koe's former teammates later recruited Morris as skip and had an automatic entry at the Brier as the defending champions. Team Canada played a light schedule ahead of the national playdowns and stumbled to a 2-3 record after five games. That's when Morris demoted himself to third and handed skipping duties to Simmons, who shone in the role. They made the final four, pulled off two close playoff wins and knocked off the reigning Olympic champions in a nailbiting final. Not bad for someone who hadn't been a full-time skip in five years.

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Team Canada skip Pat Simmons is hoisted up by third John Morris while celebrating winning the Brier final.

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# Canadian pair picture perfect

## FIGURE SKATING

### Duhamel, Radford undefeated since Sochi

Canadians Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford have their perfect season.

Duhamel and Radford held off two Chinese teams in the free skate to capture gold in the pairs event on Thursday at the world figure skating championships.

After a seventh-place finish at the Sochi Games last year, Duhamel, from Lively, Ont., and Radford, from Balmertown, Ont., decided to continue their careers and skate another year — and haven't lost since.

They've won all six international events they've entered this season, including the Grand Prix Finals and Four Continents.

"Some dreams are so big that

you can't even imagine them happening and it's all happening right now," said Radford.

"I could never have imagined it and I can't tell if it's a dream or reality."

Duhamel and Radford, who won bronze at the previous two world championships, were the leaders after the short program. It is Canada's first pairs title since Jamie Sale and David Pelletier won in 2001.

"This is a very personal victory. Every single victory along the way this season had a very special meaning," Duhamel said.

Sui Wenjing and Han Cong of China finished second, and 35-year-old veterans Pang Qing and Tong Jian, competing in their 16th world championships, took home

the bronze.

Pang and Tong, who came out of retirement this year to finish their careers in Shanghai, now have six world medals (two gold, one silver, three bronze) to go with their silver medal from the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

"I fulfilled (my partner's) wishes to come back to the rink," Tong said, before adding with a smile, "I certainly hope Pang Qing will not drag me back to the rink once again."

Also, Russian Elizaveta Tuktamysheva landed a triple Axel on her first leap of the figure skating world championships on Thursday, opening up a big lead over the rest of the field after the short program.

"When I landed the triple Axel, I got goosebumps and I thought, 'Is this a dream or did I really just do the triple Axel at the world championships?'" said Tuktamysheva, 18.

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Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford of Canada skate their way to the gold medal during the pairs free skate at the world championships in Shanghai on Thursday. JOHANNES EISELE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## AROUND NHL

### Hurricanes 5, Penguins 2

Eric Staal had a goal and two assists in Carolina's win over Pittsburgh.

### Kings 3, Islanders 2

Anze Kopitar scored with 4:23 left, and Los Angeles won their third straight beating slumping New York.

### Capitals 3, Devils 2

The Capitals got goals from Matt Niskanen, Karl Alzner and Eric Fehr to top New Jersey.

### Panthers 4, Leafs 1

Brandon Pirri scored twice as the Florida Panthers kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a win in Toronto.

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## IN OTTAWA

### Rangers take sizzle out of 'Hamburglar'

The streak is over- and Patrick Lalime's record is still safe.

Ottawa's Andrew Hammond suffered his first regulation-time loss on Thursday as the Senators fell to the New York Rangers 5-1.

"We didn't help him and that was ultimately the difference," Senators defenceman Marc Methot said.

Hammond allowed five goals on 22 shots and is now 14-1-1 to start his NHL career. If the 27-year-old goaltender had pushed the game to overtime, he would have tied former net-minder Patrick Lalime by earning at least one point in his first 16 NHL games. Lalime went 14-0-2 in 1996-97.

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Sens goalie Andrew Hammond suffered his first regulation loss Thursday.

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# **RECIPE** Chicken with Red Curry

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I love curry dishes because you can adjust the heat to whatever level your taste buds can handle!

### **Ready in**

Prep time: 10 minutes

Bake time: 11 minutes

### **Directions**

**1.** Dust chicken with 3 tbsp of flour. In large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, sauté chicken for 3 minutes or just until no longer pink. Set aside.

**2.** In the same skillet, add oil and sauté onions, curry paste, ginger and garlic for 3 minutes, then add red bell pepper and sauté for 2 minutes. Set aside.

**3.** In a bowl, combine coconut milk, 2 tbsp flour, fish sauce and sugar and mix until flour has dissolved. Add to onion mixture along with chicken, and on a medium heat, cook just until sauce has slightly thickened, about 3 minutes.

**4.** Serve over cooked rice or noodles (if using) and garnish with chopped cashews and cilantro.

### **Ingredients**

• 12 oz boneless, skinless chicken breast, sliced into 1/2-inch wide slices



- 5 tbsp all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions
- 2 tbsp red curry paste or to taste
- 1 tbsp minced ginger
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 2 cups sliced red bell peppers
- 1 1/2 cups canned light coconut milk
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- Garnish**
- 1/4 cup toasted chopped cashews
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 3 cups cooked rice or rice noodles (optional)

### **Nutrition per serving**

- Calories 352
- Protein 38.4 g
- Carbohydrates 18.8 g
- Fibre 3.1 g
- Total fat 13 g
- Saturated fat 4.9 g
- Cholesterol 250 mg
- Sodium 450 mg

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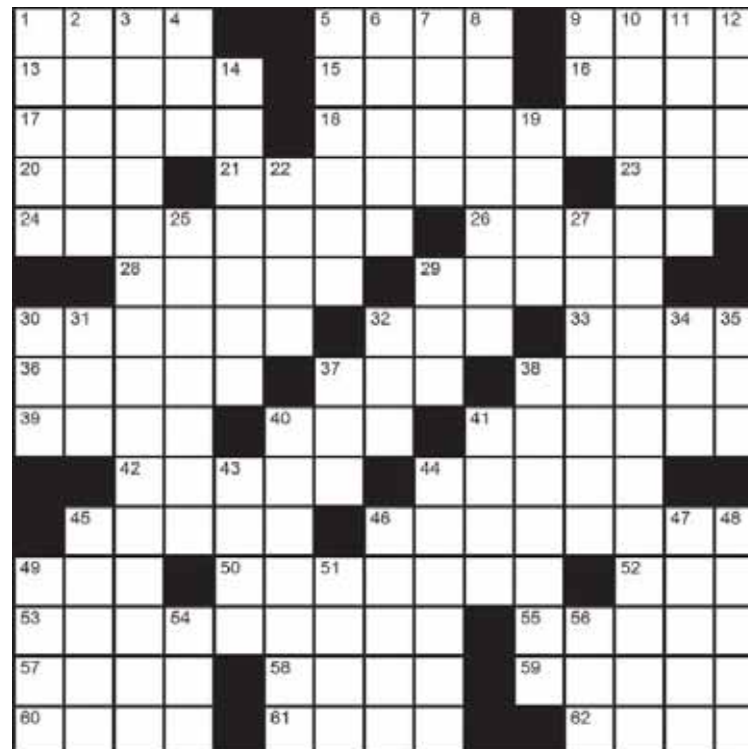
# **CROSSWORD** Canada Across and Down

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## **ACROSS**

- Canada's historic exports
- British group, with Manfred
- Island: Spanish
- Clark's legendary 1939 movie role
- Mr. Blacc of song
- Irving and Grant
- Place to connect in Chicago
- Circus performer's prop: 2 wds.
- South, in Portugal
- Suspiciously
- Tree of Hawaii
- Michel \_\_, Montreal Canadiens head coach
- Movie mermaid
- Chimney-like
- Stew
- "Dis-Moi, Dis-Moi" chanteuse
- It gets pumped
- Music key, \_\_
- Purport
- Wickedness
- Celebrity chef Guy
- Apportion
- Wear
- Magician
- TV actor Rob
- Actress Ms. Brewster
- He's a helluva guy
- Hamilton's AHL team
- Travel-



- ler's delay
- Canadian singer
- Ms. Reno
- Horizontal rest
- Those supervising
- Big carrier of blood
- "Game of Thrones" actress
- Ms. Headey

- Kind of mackerel
- Deep \_\_ (Resturant appliance)
- Bohemian
- Zest
- Sleep Country Canada products

## **DOWN**

- Decorate the cake
- "Yup."
- Royal LePage worker: 3 wds.
- Water channel, e.g.
- Detective Vic \_\_ (Michael Chiklis' role on "The Shield")

- "Robin Hood" (2010) minstrel, \_\_ A'Dayle
- Midday
- "The Price Is Right" prizes: 2 wds.
- Mr. Somerhalder
- Classic order at Montreal's since-1927 famous eatery

- Dunn's: 4 wds.
- Disinfectant brand
- Between ports
- Rita's \_\_ (Cape Breton's 'steeped'-in-tradition establishment opened by Rita MacNeil in the 1980s)
- Emperor of Rome
- In \_\_ (As originally placed)
- Most pink
- Sort of salt
- Prohibit
- Ancient 1900
- Tact' suffix
- Saloon supply
- Flawed in a way [abbr.]
- Nest: French
- Maritime message
- Ancient statue's modesty preserver: 2 wds.
- "Let's Hear It for the Boy": 1984 hit for \_\_ Williams
- Mr. Disney
- Labels
- Feigns: 2 wds.
- Rescuer
- Yogi of famous quotes
- \_\_ community (Exclusive residences locale)
- Boxes
- 1970 Kinks tune
- Portraitist, Alice \_\_ (b.1900 - d.1984)
- Mr. Romano
- Ball

# **IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
If something feels good then just do it. As long as it is moral, it does not matter what others might think about it. You have never been one to let criticism stop you.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Forget about financial matters and focus on your family. Get things in perspective today and remind yourself that, in the greater scheme of things, money is only bits of paper.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Make sure you are on the move because the more people you meet, the more opportunities will come your way in the near future. There is also a chance you could meet someone new to love.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Don't let those who say you are behaving in an illogical manner persuade you to change your ways. What you are doing may look silly to them but from your point of view it makes sense.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Don't take on extra tasks over the next 24 hours. With the commitments you already have you are likely to be on the go from first thing in the morning to last thing at night.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
If you admit you need help today you will be overwhelmed by offers of assistance. But don't take the easy way out and let friends and colleagues do everything for you.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
A new relationship will start today or over the weekend. It may or may not be romantic in nature but whatever guise it takes it will be fun. This is also a good time to interact with large groups of people.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You will go out of your way to be nice to people today — even with those who have not always been nice to you in the past.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Your generosity knows no bounds: you want to do everything for everyone. Common sense should tell you that isn't actually possible but you will do your best to make a positive difference in the next 24 hours.

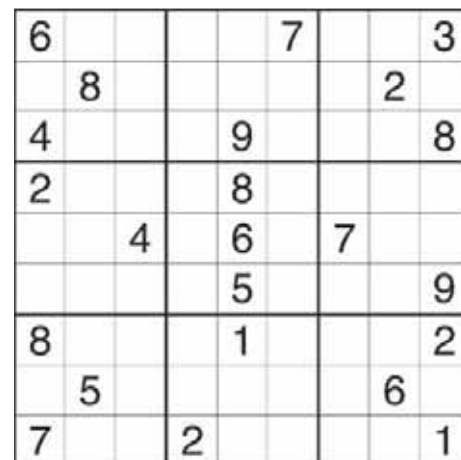
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
The intensity of your emotions could catch you by surprise today, so stay in control and don't over-react. If you do go too far you may be a bit embarrassed later when you realize what was said and done.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
This is a good day to patch up disputes with loved ones. You will find it easier than usual to admit that you were to blame for what went wrong.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You will find it difficult to make up your mind about something but that's OK. The planets indicate it will pay to put off a decision about a money matter until early next week.

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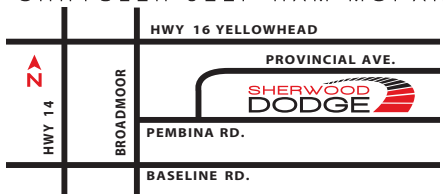
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